

Long contracts sought to ease fears on Royal Ordnance float

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

The Government has been warned that plans to privatize the Royal Ordnance munitions factories, which are due to be floated on the stock market in July, may have to be scrapped unless it gives guarantees of long-term work. Ministry of Defence officials have been given three weeks to come up with contracts stretching over several years which would enable the company to be sold successfully to investors. Doubts in the City over the viability of the flotation have been heightened by the Government's decision to award the £130 million contract to build the first of the Royal Navy's new support vessels to a competitor of the newly privatized Tyne-side shipyard, Swan Hunter. The decision has considerably undermined City confidence in companies that rely heavily on the Ministry of Defence for their work. Treasury expectations of the probable proceeds of the Royal Ordnance flotation have had to be drastically reduced in the past year because of the effects of the MoD's new competitive tendering policy on the armaments factories. Several munitions contracts that would in the past have gone automatically to the Royal Ordnance factories have been placed overseas or with private British companies. M.M. Rothschild, the City merchant bank advising the Government on the flotation, now expects the issue to raise £150 million to £200 million against an initial target of about £450 million. Approximately 80 per cent of Royal Ordnance sales are to the Ministry of Defence. The company believes that guarantees of a significant proportion of this workload being maintained will be necessary to attract City investors. However, any guarantees of this sort would go against the Government's stated aim of competitive fixed-price tendering for MoD contracts. Figures due to be released in the third week of May are expected to show that Royal Ordnance made pre-tax profits of about £25 million in 1985 against only £633,000 in the previous nine months.

Double jeopardy policy changes

By Stephen Johnson, Parliamentary Staff

Crime suspects who have been officially told they will not be prosecuted may no longer be immune from court action if new evidence comes to light, MPs were told yesterday. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor General, told the Commons that in exceptional circumstances the policy of double jeopardy will be overridden where a review of the case showed that a prosecution appeared to be in the public interest. The part reversal of policy was announced during a short debate on the case of Mr John Williams, of Luton, Bedfordshire, whose death from a drug overdose led to the first successful private prosecution for manslaughter this century. Mr Graham Bright, Conservative MP for Luton South, reminded Sir Patrick of the Director of Public Prosecutions' repeated refusals to bring a case against Gary Austin, aged 24, the man responsible for leading Mr Williams to have the fatal injection, because of lack of firm evidence. Sir Patrick said Austin had twice been told he would not be prosecuted. However, significant advances were made in the study of Palfium, the drug which caused the Mr Williams' death, and his mother had launched a campaign to gather the proof she needed for a successful private prosecution. Sir Patrick conceded that even after a *prima facie* case had been established against Austin, the DPP thought that the double jeopardy policy should be observed—and so stuck to the decision not to prosecute. "In very rare cases, a decision has been expressed to have been taken only 'on the present state of the evidence'," he said. But although the DPP had agreed to revise the practice, such action would be taken only in exceptional cases. Sir Patrick said that the claim by Mrs Williams for costs in the magistrates' court had been or would be paid. However, the Attorney General had agreed to refer the case to the High Court action to get her son's death certificate amended.



An art dealer from New York with a photograph of Marilyn Monroe taken in the late 1940s which he bought for £17,600 at Sotheby's, London, yesterday. The inscription to the photographer, Bill Buras, reads: "To Bill, Anything worth having is worth waiting for! Love Marilyn" (Photograph: Suresh Karadia). Sale room: page 4

Prince is convicted of dealing in cocaine

A Saudi prince was convicted yesterday of cocaine dealing. But Prince Mashour Ben Saad Aziz, aged 34, was cleared of conspiracy to import the drug into Britain.

The Prince, twenty-fourth son of the late King Saud and the nephew of the Saudi ruler King Fahd, will be sentenced on Monday at Knightsbridge Crown Court.

Prince Mashour, of Cheval Place, Knightsbridge, west London, admitted to the court that he had an £800-a-week drug habit and had pleaded guilty to possessing cocaine.

At the end of a 15-week trial, the jury unanimously found him guilty of possessing the drug with intent to supply. But they found him not guilty on two charges of conspiring with others to import the drug from Amsterdam.

The prosecution had alleged that the Prince was the financial mastermind behind the drug smuggling ring.

Prince Mashour admitted handing quantities of the drug to friends, but claimed he sponsored most of his £30,000-a-month allowance on prostitutes.

The Prince's former aide, Andrew Jamieson, aged 26, of Gilbert Place, Holborn, central London, was convicted on two charges of cocaine dealing.

Another defendant, Dino "Broncho" Sadler, aged 24, of Brentwood Road, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, was convicted of conspiracy to import and supply cocaine.

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The jury returned to consider verdicts against three other defendants and has set in an hotel overnight. Prince Mashour was released on bail.

The jury is due to return verdicts today on the other three defendants.

Court order challenged

A court order obtained by the Metropolitan Police requiring disclosure of confidential papers during an investigation into alleged fraud in the running of constituency groups in Tottenham, north London, is being challenged in the High Court.

Three community groups on the Broadwater Farm Estate and an accountant were granted leave yesterday to appeal against the granting of the order. The appeal will be heard on Wednesday.

Big race jewel theft charges

Two men appeared before magistrates at Southgate, Merseyside, yesterday charged with stealing £250,000 of jewellery from Mrs Georgina Brumfitt, the wife of the chairman of Seagraves, the Grand National sponsors.

Christopher Alford, aged 27, of Leicester Road, Sale, Manchester, and Graham Walker, aged 34, of Queens Drive, Liverpool, both jewellers, were remanded in custody for a week, accused of their fraud on an hotel before the race in April.

Action against Equity ban

A High Court judge will be asked next Wednesday to order the actors' union Equity to lift its ban on members appearing in South Africa.

Marius Goring, a former vice-president of Equity, is bringing an action seeking a declaration that the union exceeded its powers when it imposed the ban after a ballot of members. Mr Goring is suing on behalf of Equity members opposed to the ban.

Plea for house rejected

The National Heritage Memorial Fund has rejected an application for funds to save Monkton House which has been described as "a rare and total work of art".

The house in West Dean, West Sussex, was designed by Lutyens in 1902.

Students disrupt free speech talk

By Tim Jones

Jeering students were warned yesterday that unless they conceded the right of political opponents to be heard the Government might compel universities to allow freedom of speech on campuses.

The warning was given by Mr Fred Silvester, MP for Manchester, Withington, as more than 100 left-wing students attempted to disrupt a meeting on free speech organized by the Conservative association at Bristol University.

Facing a barrage of screaming, foot stamping and obscenities, Mr Silvester told 500 other students in the audience: "You are either going to support this campaign for free speech or deteriorate and submit under threat."

Mr Silvester has introduced a Private Member's Bill to Parliament which he hopes will make universities take action against students determined to wreck meetings.

The greatest roar of chanting was reserved for Mr John Carlisle, Tory MP for Luton, North, a favourite target because of his views on South Africa.

Judge bars Tory plan for council

A High Court judge yesterday blocked an attempt by Conservative councillors in the London borough of Lambeth to use their new-found majority to revise council spending plans.

The Tories became the majority group last month when the Labour Leader, Mr Ted Knight, and 30 colleagues were disqualified from office for their delay in serving last year's rate. A council meeting was scheduled last night to push through a new, lower, rate and overhaul Lambeth's budget.

But three and a half hours before the meeting was due to begin, Mr Justice Mann granted three Labour supporters court orders preventing any decisions being taken on contentious financial matters.

The ruling was greeted with delight by Labour, who expect to recover their majority in next month's local elections.

The judge said Labour had a strongly arguable case that the Lambeth Tory group breached the Local Government Act, 1972, by failing to give sufficient notice of the proposals to be debated at the meeting.

The judge granted Labour permission to challenge the Tory plans at a full court hearing. In the meantime, he has granted court orders preventing the fixing of a new rate, the adjustment of the council budget, the increase of council house rents and an addition to capital estimates in connection with council house repairs.

It was "scarcely arguable" that the Tories had given sufficient specification of the business intended to be transacted at tonight's meeting, the judge said.

He rejected Tory claims that a summons to attend the meeting gave enough information about intended business. Labour's case was so "strongly arguable" that it warranted injunctions to preserve the status quo until a full trial.

Outside court, a Labour spokesman said the judge's interim ruling had put paid to the Tory plans, since the trial of the dispute was unlikely to take place before next month's elections.

Scotland's 'model for regions'

By Our Political Staff

Fragmented responsibility in Whitehall for regional development policy was less effective in encouraging industry than the system in Scotland, Mr Leon Brittan, former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in Strathclyde yesterday.

"It is hardly surprising that with such a proliferation of bodies and government departments with different powers and functions, many people in the English regions should look with increasing interest at the way in which such matters are handled north of the border," he told Strathclyde University Conservative Association.

In Scotland one department—the Scottish Office—and one public body—the Scottish Development Agency—were able to tackle in a unified and comprehensive way development tasks exercised by a variety of bodies coming under at least three ministries, Mr Brittan said.

The agency helped small businesses, encouraged rural development, administered industrial estates, improved derelict land, supported technical innovation, stimulated inward investment and provided venture capital, he said.

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Labour 'has become the listening party'

By George Hill

The Labour Party does not put dogma or ideology first, Mr Jeffrey Rooker, spokesman on housing, said yesterday.

Continuing the party leadership's campaign to reassure voters that Labour has moved away from extremist policies, he claimed that the party had no need to be "coy" about its record towards home-owners as well as tenants.

"The Labour Party has become the listening party," he said, plundering one of the Big Four banks' publicity.

"Listening to people so that we can take a fresh look at old problems. It is an attitude which has been sadly absent in recent years," Mr Rooker said in Dudley, West Midlands.

A Labour government had been the first to introduce grants and loans to help first-time buyers, including those buying their own council homes, he emphasized.

Labour had also been the first to make improvement grants available for owner-occupiers, and had enabled more homes to be started in its worst year than the Tories had in their best year.

He promised that leasehold reform would be extended to flat dwellers by a future Labour government.

Security tight for meeting

By Ronald Farr

Tight security surrounded the Glenegles Hotel in Perthshire yesterday for the opening of the Bilderberg Conference, the annual meeting of internationally eminent politicians, leaders and industrialists.

The five-star hotel was closed to the public and sealed by police as the "great and the good", as one observer called the delegates, gathered to discuss topics of world moment in privacy. Journalists were kept at bay at the hotel gates.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the Prince of Wales are said to be among those meeting over the weekend, but the organizers kept their guest list a close secret yesterday.

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Auditors' dismay at surcharge role

By Colin Hughes

Legislation to strip district auditors of their responsibility to take councillors to court for willful misconduct was proposed last night by Mr John Banham, head of the Audit Commission.

In a speech to an Association of Local Councils conference at Llandudno, north Wales, he described the "distaste" which auditors felt for being placed in the front line of court cases against Lambeth and Liverpool councillors for their delay in setting rates last year.

"Almost unanimously, district auditors would welcome the demise of their surcharge and disqualification powers, which sit very uneasily with the auditor's statutory responsibility for value for money," Mr Banham, who heads the independent quango overseeing public audit, said.

Councillors themselves saw the surcharge and disqualification powers as "a real obstacle to progress" in the auditors' primary role, that of tackling wasteful inefficiency.

He said local government was singled out for this treatment without any persuasive explanation, judgments were often subjective, and it was increasingly clear from the Liverpool and Lambeth cases "that one man's misconduct is another's perfectly proper stance".

The dilemmas were more acute when issues became political and embroiled auditors in time-consuming and expensive litigation. Each of the recent cases had cost about £200,000.

Mr Banham argued for improving local government effectiveness by making councillors and officials more accountable to voters.

"Paradoxically, external auditors could be much more effective in enhancing local accountability if they were not directly involved in legal action with respect to misconduct," he said. However, they should continue to be responsible for illegalities such as fraud and corruption.

Not only were auditors being required to "combine the roles of public prosecutor and management consultant", they were also prevented from keeping the public informed. Auditors had been unable to issue detailed public reports on the Liverpool and Lambeth councils, pending the outcome of court cases.

Mr Banham said auditors had to react after losses had been incurred, and were not free to issue reports to all interested parties and the press. "So-called public reports can be bottled up in the local bureaucratic machinery for weeks, if not months, thus blunting their impact."

He proposed legislation enabling auditors to take preventive action, "rather than, as at present, being forced to wait until after the horse has bolted".

Fowler in pledge to nurses

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Nurses will not be made homeless as a result of the sale of nurses' homes and other health service residential property now taking place, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, pledged yesterday.

He was attempting to head off mounting criticism of the policy from the Royal College of Nursing.

It is claimed that up to 50,000 nurses could be affected by the sell-off of "surplus" houses, homes and flats, with health authorities being encouraged to restrict the supply of homes chiefly to students.

Mr Fowler said yesterday that the policy of rationalizing NHS accommodation, which could in theory raise £170 million or more for the health service, "is not a policy of eviction."

He said in a written answer to Mr David Evennett, Conservative MP for Erith and Crayford: "No one will be required to move from their present accommodation as part of this policy without being offered a suitable alternative place to live."

"Overall the policy will provide accommodation for staff who need it while at the same time releasing resources for the development of the health service."

The decision to sell off nurses' and other residential accommodation came after a scrutiny which estimated that at any one time 30 per cent of the property was empty.



The Princess stepping out in the sunshine at the training college in Reading yesterday (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Princess in black for nursery school visit

The Princess of Wales was dressed in black yesterday when she visited a nursery training school in Reading, Berkshire, the day after the death of the Duchess of Windsor.

Wearing a black and grey pinstripe coat-dress with black handbag and shoes and a black and white pearl necklace, the Princess was greeted in the sunshine by cheering children and students at Children's Nursery Training College.

During a tour of the toddler nursery, Thomas Jacobs, aged 19 months, knocked her on the nose with a bunch of daffodils. "Well, it is the thought that counts", the Princess said.

Officer's secret court case

By Craig Seton

West Midlands police yesterday denied any involvement in arrangements for a court case involving a senior officer on drink driving charges to be heard 10 days earlier than scheduled.

No members of the Press were in court when Supt Tom Baldwin, aged 43, who acts as liaison officer between the police force and the Home Office, appeared before Birmingham magistrates on April 15.

West Midlands police had said that he was due to appear before magistrates yesterday, but the case was heard last week.

Supt Baldwin, who could now face disciplinary proceedings, was banned from driving for 15 months and fined £150 for failing to provide breath specimens for analysis. He had denied the charge, which arose from his arrest on the M6 on January 2. He was fined a total of £55.

Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, and Mrs Pamela Townsend, the college principal, were presented to the Princess, who was given an educational wall-chart made by second-year students. It showed a light-house and lifeboat decorated with the faces of her children, Prince William and Prince Henry.

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Web of religious deceit trapped aristocrats and an MP's wife

How 'Satanist' conman persuaded vicar to net him over £200,000

By Paul Valley

Whether Derry Mainwaring Knight was a Satanist or a conman, or both, never seemed the question at the centre of the trial which ended yesterday at Maidstone Crown Court.

The real puzzle was always the seeming nonchalance with which a group of aristocrats and wealthy country folk were prepared to hand over money totalling more than £200,000.

The first suggestion was that some Masonic intrigue was involved. The notion was prompted by an unprecedented statement by the judge before the trial began, in which he warned potential jurors that anyone connected with Freemasonry would be excused service as the case might prove embarrassing for them.

This proved to be a red herring. Masonry had links to a particular group of which it had been claimed Knight was a member but, faced with the possibility of expert testimony on the cult, he chose not to repeat the claim in court.

But the true answer proved no less intriguing.

An atmosphere of religious fervour

The decisions to donate such large amounts were taken by the principal donors in an atmosphere of religious fervour in which they felt themselves to be in receipt of direct messages from God in the form of pictures, signs, voices, providential coincidences and a divine warning to distrust the senior investigating policeman as "a man with five faces".

Into this crucible was thrown the final ingredient. In any other circumstance it would have been immediately identified as a ludicrous fantasy. But in a circle which already included God, the Devil, a brace of vicounts, an earl, the wife of an MP and a former High Sheriff of East Sussex, it somehow did not seem too fanciful to be told that the head of the counter-church they were setting out to smash was Lord Whitelaw, the deputy Prime Minister.

Derry Mainwaring Knight was giving out religious leaflets door to door in the village of Newick, East Sussex, when he first met the rector, the Rev John Baker.

Within three months the ex-

convict had told the rector the story of his life, beginning with his grandmother's involvement in the black arts and ending shortly after he was "born again" when God spoke to him as he sat on the roof of Hull Prison during a demonstration. Knight had been serving a sentence for rape.

By February 1984 Knight had moved into the rectory to live in the attic. By the following month Mr Baker had raised £24,925 from local Christians to pay off what Knight claimed were debts to unspecified moneylenders.

In fact a good deal of the money was ultimately spent on his girlfriend, Angela Murdoch, and on entertaining girls such as Samantha Sprackling, a dancer, and Julie Tremain a prostitute.

Within 48 hours Knight fell into a trance in which he informed the rector that he had been dedicated to Lucifer at the age of eight and that he held high office in a Satanist order based in Essex.

Within six weeks by May 21, Mr Baker had raised further £18,900, which he paid in cash to Knight, who said he needed it to repay Satanic debts as a prelude to leaving the order.

When that source showed signs of drying up, Knight made the sudden disclosure that he was bound to Satanism by certain items of regalia which he had to purchase and then destroy. Within three months the rector had handed over £12,435 more.

In September 1984, Knight announced that further artefacts existed which enabled him to be controlled from afar through two platinum discs inserted in his forehead by a Satanist surgeon.

They were invisible to X-rays because of their demonic origin, he announced. By October 22 Mr Baker had given Knight another £34,750 in used £50 notes.

By November, the rector had begun a fifth series of payments for a different set of regalia, which would enable Knight to take over as Britain's chief Satanist.

By February 14, 1985 the rector had donated £98,500 in used £50 and £20 notes. By May 10 a further £25,600 had changed hands to repay a new Satanic debt.

Mr Baker had approached wealthy local people who were

mostly sympathetic to his own evangelical approach to religion. One such was Mrs Susan Sainsbury, the wife of Mr Timothy Sainsbury, Conservative MP for Hove, and a millionaire member of the supermarket family. She had been "born again" in 1975. Over a period she gave him £79,895.

Mr Michael Warren, a farmer, magistrate and former High Sheriff, another evangelical Christian, gave £36,000. Lord Hampden, a committed Christian, paid £39,250. Mr Gordon Scott, a company director and officer of a Christian trust, gave £25,000. Other donors included Lord and Lady Brentford and Lord March.

It was while the third tranche of money was being collected that Dr Eric Kemp, Bishop of Chichester, became concerned. He met Knight and asked a number of Anglican specialists in the occult and Satanism to intervene.

At a meeting between the bishop, the rector and the chairman and secretary of the Christian Exorcism Study Group, reservations of the experts persuaded two other members of the aristocracy, Lord and Lady Ingleby, not to make the donation they had been considering.

The Bishop of Chichester asked the Rt Rev Mark Green, the retired Bishop of Aston, to attend one meeting early in 1985 and report back.

Special messages came from God

At the next meeting the rector produced a detailed reply to the arguments of the exorcists. His wife, Alison, added a lengthy memorandum on why the operation should continue. It was full of circular arguments and strange references to pictures and special messages from God.

Bishop Green sent the documents to Dr Kemp, Bishop of Chichester, who contacted the police.

On March 13, Knight was arrested and questioned for two days about the payments. Soon after he was released on bail he got the rector to persuade another donor, Lord Hampden, to buy a £37,000 Rolls Royce for Knight's use to maintain his status in Satanist circles.

On May 23, shortly before a further £200,000 was to be handed over for the purchase of a Satanic throne, Knight was arrested, charged with theft and remanded in custody.

When court officials came to list the initial hearing before the local magistrates they found that they had to send to London for a stipendiary. The chairman of the East Sussex Magistrates' Association was Mr Michael Warren, the former High Sheriff who had himself donated £36,000.



Derry Mainwaring Knight, who spent money on girls.



Samantha Sprackling, left, a dancer, and Julie Tremain



Mrs Susan Sainsbury



Lord Hampden



Lord March

Bishop speaks on dangers

By Paul Valley

Supporters of the demonstrative Charismatic Movement within the Church of England have watched the progress of the trial with some anxiety.

The key donors who put up the bulk of the £200,000 which Knight was yesterday convicted of obtaining by deception are in the main charismatics or sympathizers with such an approach.

The manner in which the money was gathered has raised for all sections of the church questions about the negative aspects of the charismatic movement which has based much of its claim to authority.

Now the public debate has begun with a statement issued by the Bishop of Chichester, Dr Eric Kemp, to coincide with the end of the trial.

Dr Kemp, in whose diocese the events took place, says that the Charismatic Movement has "brought new life to many congregations but it has

also led in places to individuals and groups becoming obsessed by the thought of evil and believing that the Lord speaks to them and gives direct injunctions how to deal with it."

He adds: "This is extremely dangerous and needs to be carefully checked."

The Charismatic Movement, which gathered momentum within the church during the late Sixties and Seventies, places great emphasis on what it describes as certain neglected elements of the personal work of the Holy Spirit.

In particular these are speaking in tongues, faith-healing and the gift of "prophecy" by which was meant a direct personal communication with God of the kind which one of the donors, Mrs Susan Sainsbury, the wife of Mr Timothy Sainsbury, the Conservative MP for Hove, is on record as having experienced at a Bible meeting for parliamentary wives at the

House of Commons. That was the approach which characterized the meetings that sanctioned the £250,000 which Knight received money. "The problem is that if someone says, 'The Lord has told me', then it stops all argument", Dr Kemp said.

Rejecting a suggestion that the church needed new guidelines for occult cases, he said: "The guidelines exist. People don't always follow them."

A new set of guidelines is laid out in the forthcoming report of the Christian Exorcism Study Group, Making particular reference to "charismatic casualties", it warns pastors against spiritual pride and the enthroning of evil.

The Knight case has raised doubts within the Charismatic Movement itself. The Rev Michael Barling, a charismatic for the past 17 years and the principal of Roffey Training Centre said: "A case like this does great harm."

£150,000 conical home in the sun

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

Energy-saving homes ranging from a £30,000 studio house to a conical building with its ground floor under ground level and costing more than £150,000 will be on show at an exhibition at Milton Keynes energy park in August. The show will demonstrate ways in which house-holders may save up to a third of their heating costs.

The exhibition will feature about 20 houses built by 32 developers from Britain and overseas. The houses are not just for show, as Mr John Walker, planning director for the Milton Keynes Development Corporation, emphasized in London yesterday.

They will be for sale and almost all have large conservatories, which happily combine the popularity of this Victorian adornment with their use as a trap for solar heat used throughout the property.

Milton Keynes' energy park, a £100 million project, will eventually have 1,000 homes for 3,000 people, and provide 2,000 jobs.

Some developers have also employed "active" measures to provide alternative energy through solar panels and wind power.

The Department of Energy yesterday defended its decision to place box advertisements in *The Times* and *The Guardian* on April 1 on energy efficiency. Mr David Hunt, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Energy, said in a written reply that the advertisement had cost £18,000 and had attracted a significantly higher number of requests for energy efficiency information than was obtained in response to the Department's normal press advertisements.

Portfolio Gold

Mr David Harries, a freelance systems analyst programmer, could not resist playing Portfolio because he deals all day with numbers.

Yesterday, his persistence was rewarded when he won £4,000 in Portfolio Gold. "Being in computers I take an interest in any numerical competition. And I play Portfolio whenever I can", Mr Harries, of Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, said.

But he revealed that, despite the computer's brainpower, he is still a fatalist. "You either win or lose", the former British Army Royal Engineer said. You will need the new Portfolio Gold card to play the game. If you have any difficulty in obtaining one from your newspaper, send an s.a.e. to: Portfolio Gold, The Times, PO Box 40, Blackpool, BB1 6AJ.

Airlines' monopoly criticized

By Michael Bailey Transport Editor

Deregulation which has halved air fares in the United States should be applied in full in Europe, an economist has told the Institute of Economic Affairs in London.

European airlines have used their monopoly to exploit their own advantage and operate wastefully, Mr David Sawyer, an economic consultant formerly with the Department of Transport, said in an address to the institute.

Air fares in Europe were twice as high as in the United States for comparable distances and costs were 1 1/4 times as high even though wage levels were only half those in the US, Mr Sawyer said.

NCOs deny claims of racism by Pakistani

Sergeant Major Stephen Tuck of the Grenadier Guards told an industrial tribunal in London yesterday that claims that a Pakistani clerk was assaulted and racially abused by three NCOs were "absolutely inconceivable".

Mr Danraj Iyengar, aged 58, of Durrington Road, Clapton, east London, a Ministry of Defence employee, has also alleged that he was less favourably treated than a white woman in the same office and that he was unfairly assessed in an annual report at the regional headquarters at Wellington Barracks, London.

Mr Iyengar said he was assaulted three times in November last year by the NCOs, Lance Corporals Robert Hall and Keith Bowen and Colour Sergeant Anthony West. He claimed Colour Sgt West called him a "Paki" and hit him a "terrible blow on the hand", while they packed Christians cards.

The next week, he said, Lance Corporal Bowen hit him on the back of the head. The three NCOs deny that any assaults or racial abuse took place. The hearing at Chelsea, west London, continues.



The Rev John Baker, left, and Dr Kemp.

Aircraft crashed into crowd

A microlight aircraft crashed into a crowd of 500 during a family fun day, killing the mother of two children, an inquest in Salisbury was told yesterday.

Mrs Mary Kelly, aged 30, of Whisbury Road, Fordingbridge was at Fordingbridge junior and infants school fête in the New Forest last September.

Mr John Elgar, the Wiltshire coroner, was told by Mr John Knight, an aircraft surveyor and engineer with the Civil Aviation Authority, that the Gemini Striker microlight was not permitted to fly above crowds.

The inquest heard that Stephen Warburton-Fitt, aged 33, the pilot and an engineering company owner, of High Town Road, Ringwood, lost height after taking off from an adjoining field and mowed into the crowd while taking part in a fly-past display.

Eight other people, including four children, were injured. The verdict was accidental death.

Six years for child-killer

George Abrokwah, aged 30, an accountancy student, of Peabody Estate, Islington, north London, was jailed for six years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday after it heard that in an outburst of temper after having a wisdom tooth removed he had swung the child "like a rag doll".

He was convicted of the manslaughter of Christopher Turkson, aged 22 months, son of his girl friend. The child had a fractured skull, two broken ribs and a ruptured liver.

Scargill 'thinks he is outside the law'

Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, was accused in the High Court yesterday of putting himself outside the law when it suited him.

Mr George Carman, QC, representing the South Yorkshire Police, against whom Mr Scargill is seeking damages for wrongful imprisonment, told the court in Manchester that Mr Scargill had sought to give himself greater rights than the rest of the public. Yet he was seeking refuge in the courts when he needed it.

Mr Scargill claims he was wrongfully detained outside his home in Worsborough Dale, near Barnsley, in July 1982, while questioned about speeding.

Mr Scargill, aged 48, was later cleared and is now seeking exemplary damages.

Mr Carman said it was not an attractive spectacle to bear a man confess in a witness box that he had made "flagrant and, I would submit, emotional criticisms" of judges who did not have the freedom to answer back.

Mr Carman told the jury: "It is an unattractive spectacle to have a man admit in the courts of this country that the police have on many times served him well in the extent of protecting his life, and yet to know that over a year for his own political purposes maybe—he has criticized them in language that you and I may feel is immoderate, emotional, irrational and inflammatory."

"It is an unattractive spectacle to have a man speak so loudly and eloquently of his civil rights when, in life outside, you all know without me telling you, he had incited others to deprive people of their civil rights on occasions when it suited his industrial or political purposes."

Mr Carman added: "Mr Scargill does not accept we are all subject to the law. He puts himself outside the law in certain categories. When he approaches the law and seeks its consolation, we should approach him with caution because we do not know what purpose he seeks to serve."

The case continues on Monday.

Beautician's damages

Mrs Sheila Pullen, a trainee beautician, who suffered a personality change when a hospital gave her the wrong treatment, was awarded £31,040 yesterday at the High Court in London.

Mrs Pullen, aged 40, of Colwood Crescent, Eastbourne, East Sussex, changed from an outgoing woman into a depressed semi-invalid, Deputy Judge Henry, QC, said, giving a reserved judgement after a hearing at Lewes Crown Court.

Entering judgement against the East Sussex Area Health Authority, the judge said he accepted that Mrs Pullen was a "vulnerable" woman with a tendency to overreact.

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US demands threaten to disrupt Tokyo summit's harmony

From Bailey Marris, Washington

President Reagan has left Washington on the first leg of his 12-day journey to the Tokyo economic summit, armed with a set of US priorities which could disrupt the carefully planned display of Western harmony sought by the Japanese hosts.

The formal agenda, worked out in numerous sessions of the summit "Sherpas", the official preparers, has been largely overshadowed by the events surrounding the US bombing of Libya and Mr Reagan's determination to wrest a stronger show of support from his Allies. "We need to know precisely where our allies are," the Senate majority leader, Mr Robert Dole, said after meeting the President at the White House on Thursday.

There are also indications that the summit leaders could stumble over trade matters dominated by a dispute between the United States and the European Community over the recent accession of Spain and Portugal. Japan's huge trade surplus also looms large.

But the Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, said at a pre-summit briefing that trade frictions between the US and Europe over agricultural exports pose "the biggest threat to the world's free trading system".

Privately, European officials in Washington said the summit could "blow up" over a relatively minor matter if the US rhetoric is too strong. Tensions are high in Europe since recent US threats to impose quotas on EEC food exports and statements by US officials that Europe - West Germany in particular - is not doing enough to sustain world growth by expanding its domestic economy, officials said.

US officials made it clear in the pre-summit briefings that they intend to put more pressure on West Germany to stimulate domestic growth which is projected at from 3.7 per cent to 4 per cent this year. Specifically, the US wants West Germany to follow it and Japan in another interest rate cut, but the Bundesbank has so far refused to comply. "Given West Germany's 9 per cent unemployment rate and low inflation, it has plenty of room to grow," a US official said.

Prior to boarding Air Force One on the first leg of his journey, Mr Reagan told Congressional leaders he wanted a strong commitment from his allies against international terrorism.

"As we consider further action against terrorism, we are very mindful that terrorists do split the West and divide us. We are determined

to have the summit reinforce our common commitment," a State Department spokesman said.

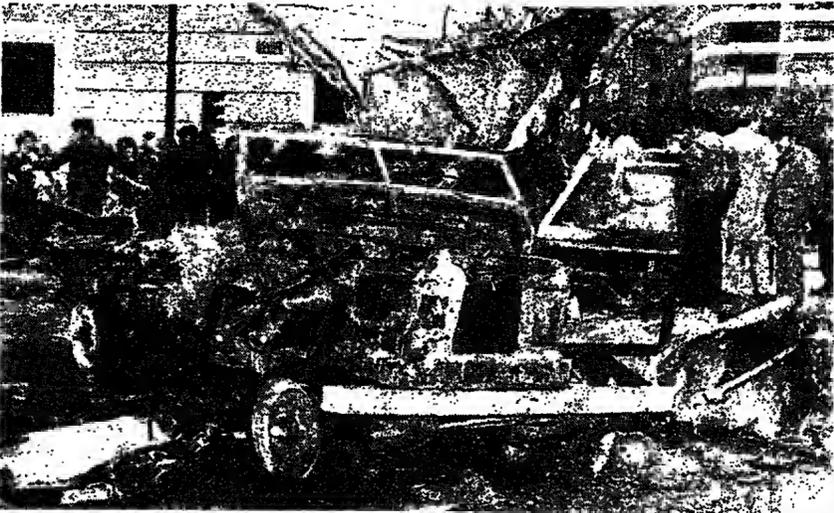
The US Administration is aligned with Europeans in wanting more growth and open market measures from Japan but it is taking a more cautious line.

US officials, noting that a harmonious summit is extremely important to Japan for domestic political reasons, said they wanted to avoid embarrassing the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone.

Japanese officials warned the US Administration during Mr Nakasone's recent visit that a successful summit is important to the political futures of the Prime Minister and his Cabinet members, including the Finance Minister, Mr Noboru Takeshita, and the Foreign Minister, Mr Shintaro Abe. All are under fire for promoting a stronger yen and advocating extensive market opening measures to appease the US and Europe.

But the Japanese officials, while anticipating some criticism, are anxious to be treated as equal partners.

Above all, Mr Nakasone is determined to avoid a repeat of the embarrassing 1979 Tokyo summit at which four of the biggest nations decided to hold a "summit within a summit" leaving Japan out.



The blackened remains of the Land-Rover in which five Civil Guards died in a car-bomb explosion in Madrid yesterday.

Royal tour of Britain praised in Spain

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

King Juan Carlos's visit to Britain has received the nod of approval in his homeland. As the royal tour ended, there was a general mood of satisfaction among editorial writers, politicians and other professional observers here yesterday, coupled with praise for the King's efforts to stimulate a solution of the Gibraltar issue.

A cartoon in the liberal Madrid daily, *Diario 16*, showed the King seated in an easy chair reading *The Times* and gently caressing the head of a huge, softly purring British lion.

There was satisfaction, too, over the honours accorded to King Juan Carlos in Britain.

The monarchist daily *ABC*, in a leading article on Thursday, said: "For the first time a foreign sovereign has had the privilege of giving a speech before both Houses of the British Parliament."

"Although he exercised exemplary prudence, he did not avoid making a reference to Gibraltar."

"Even if notable precedents of analogous speeches by Don Juan Carlos did not exist, his words in the Parliament of Westminster would be enough to accredit the King as the great ambassador of the cause of Spain at this time."

A leading article the same day in *El Pais* said that "there is a psychological resistance, which is maintained by part of the British population, to the ceding of sovereignty over the Rock."

The Roman Catholic daily *Ya* said in an editorial:

"Naturally it is up to governments not kings, to find the formulas, but monarchs create the climate in which such formulas can appear. That may be the most important result of this historic trip of the Spanish monarch."

Leading article, page 9.

Madrid car bomb kills five Civil Guardsmen

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

A car bomb exploded at dawn yesterday on a main thoroughfare here killing five members of the para-military Civil Guard and seriously injuring four other policemen and at least four civilians.

The blast demolished a passing patrol car, in which the Civil Guardsmen were travelling.

Passing motorists took the injured to at least six different hospitals and it took rescue crews several hours to cut through the twisted wreckage of the car and remove the mangled bodies of three of the policemen.

The car which was loaded with the explosives was so thoroughly demolished that police could not immediately determine what model it was.

The explosion hurled a wheel of the patrol car through the facade of a nearby hospital, leaving a gaping hole. It wrecked other cars and shattered windows throughout the area.

Police suspect the attack was the work of the Madrid branch of Eta (Basque Homeland and Liberty), the Basque terrorist organization, because of the familiar pattern it took.

They estimate the car bomb contained 20 kilos of plastic explosive of the kind normally used by Eta and was set off by remote control.

Initial speculation raised the question of the attack being linked to Libya because of the proximity of the Italian Embassy. But, police discarded that line of speculation after further investigations.

Police intervened before the possible lynching. He has not yet been identified and it is not clear whether he had anything to do with the bombing or whether he was merely an Eta sympathizer.

Streets were blocked off throughout the area until close to midday and sniffer dogs searched for possible booby traps while helicopters circled overhead.

Police checkpoints were established on all roads leading out of the capital, causing huge traffic delays.

Mrs Mara Vojnovic, 63, was testifying at the trial of Andrija Artukovic for atrocities alleged to have been committed when he was Interior Minister of the Nazi puppet state of Croatia from 1941 to 1945.

The wartime Croatian regime, which collaborated with the Nazis, is held responsible for murdering over 900,000 Serbs, Jews, gypsies and left wingers - civilians and prisoners of war.

Mrs Vojnovic, a former inmate of Stara Gradiska concentration camp, said she saw the fascist soldiers rip a small child in half then order 500 other children to be gassed.

Artukovic told the court: "I've listened to the witness... I never heard about these horrors."

Artukovic, aged 86, was extradited from the United States in February. He could face the death penalty if convicted. He has denied all three charges of mass murder, murder of an individual and seizure of property.

Fans sue Juventus over cup tragedy

Venice (Reuters) - Two Italian soccer fans injured in the riots which killed 39 people at last year's European Cup final are suing the cup winners, Juventus.

Signor Egidio Favaretto and Signor Giuseppe Carraro are seeking damages from the match providers and accusing the top Italian club of profiting from a tragedy.

The two fans, who live in Venice, were among about 350 people hurt when a wall collapsed during a stampede by rioting supporters of Liverpool at the final in the Heysel Stadium, Brussels, in May last year. Signor Carraro broke his leg and several ribs while Signor Favaretto fractured his ankle.

Gromyko goes back to work

Moscow (Reuters) - President Gromyko, whose health has been the subject of speculation, was officially reported to be at work yesterday, chairing a meeting of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. He has had influenza.

Wine over the limit

Rome (Reuters) - The Italian Health Ministry said that just over 1 per cent of wine samples tested up to now for adulteration with methyl alcohol showed levels of the chemical above the legal limit.

Out of 71,051 samples analysed, 850 contained amounts of methyl alcohol higher than permitted.

Student shot

Sanuago (Reuters) - A student was shot dead in Ternuco during the third consecutive day of violent protests against a visit by President Pinochet.

Play it again

Moscow (AFP) - Soviet television, which only briefly mentioned last Sunday's now world-famous Moscow recital by the Soviet-born American pianist Vladimir Horowitz, aged 81, will show a recording of it on May 4.

Embassy man shot in Sanaa

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

A United States embassy communications officer was shot and injured in Sanaa, the capital of North Yemen, a State Department official here said yesterday.

The officer was driving his car when a gunman in another car pulled alongside and fired five or more shots before driving off, the official added.

The American, whose name was not released, was injured in the upper part of his body. He does not appear to be in danger and is in stable condition in hospital.

It was the second shooting of a US embassy employee in the Arab world since the April 14 US air strike on Libya.

A communications officer in the US Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan, was shot and injured last week.

General angry: General Vernon Walters, the American representative, criticized the anti-aligned movement for what he termed its brazen alignment against the US as the United Nations Security Council concluded its debate on the American bombings of Libya (Zorian Pysariwsky writes).

General Walters said the US was deeply indignant and would not forget the "totally one-sided view" the movement had taken.

French strengthen coastal defences

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The French Government has stepped up defences along the Mediterranean coast in the wake of the Libyan crisis.

It has installed a veritable barrage of anti-aircraft Roland missiles and radar systems on military sites along the entire length of the coast from the Italian border to the Pyrenees.

The Ministry of Defence said there was no reason to dramatize the situation. The defence measures had been taken in the light of the tensions in the Mediterranean provoked by the American bombardment of Libya.

But it is known that the French authorities have become increasingly concerned about the possibility of Libyan reprisals against France.

This comes after press reports that American planes did in fact fly over French territory, despite the French Government's refusal to allow them to do so, and further reports that President Mitterrand had pressed President Reagan for an all-out attack against Libya, deeming the planned American raid a mere "pin-prick".

The French Government is also understood to have wanted to give greater protection to the five American warships which docked into French Mediterranean ports on Wednesday for what was described as a "technical stop-over".

Two American amphibious assault ships are in Toulon, and a tank carrier, a troop carrier and another amphibious assault ship are in Marseilles.

Extra police have been laid on in both towns, and the American Marines are being asked not to go out in groups of more than five or six.

It is understood that Italy has taken similar precautions to build up its coastal defences.

Commenting on the wave of anti-French sentiment in the US after France's refusal to support the American raid on Libya, M Jean-Bernard Raimond, the French Foreign Minister, said in the Senate on Thursday night that it was important "to keep a sense of proportion" and "to avoid making a perfectly understandable divergence the pretext for an artificial crisis".

He went on: "To do so would be to play the game of those who want to divide us."

Referring to the "extremely virulent press campaign and even official declarations against us in the US", he said that France was "root in the habit of arguing with our allies, particularly when that which draws us together is so important".

He dismissed the rift as a "divergence over the most appropriate method to fight against one particular case of terrorism".

Greek Cabinet sworn in with 12 changes

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Twelve new Greek ministers and undersecretaries were sworn in yesterday.

Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Prime Minister, who had kept the defence ministry since 1981 to get the military accustomed to a socialist Government, now feels confident enough to hand it over.

The new Cabinet: Andreas Papandreu; Deputy Premier and Defence, Yiannis Haralampopoulos; Minister to the Presidency of the Government, Akis Tsohatzopoulos; Foreign Affairs, Karolos Papoulias; Foreign Affairs minister of state (EEC), Theodoros Pangalos; Interior, Menios Koutsou-

orgas; Public Order, Antonis Dracopoulos; National Economy, Kostas Simitis; Health, Welfare, Insurance, George Yerosimatis; Justice, Apostolos Kaldimaris; Education and Religion, Antonis Trias; Culture, Youth and Sports, Melina Mercouri; Finance, Dimitris Tsoulfas; Finance minister of state, Nikos Athanasiopoulos; Northern Greece, Yiannis Papadimitriou; Agriculture, Kosmas Stryiok; Agriculture, Yiannis Potlides; Environment, Public Works, Evangelos Kouzoumis; Labour, Evangelos Vlachopoulos; Industry, Energy, Technology, Marinos Natsinas; Commerce, George Katsiaras; Transport, Communications, George Papadimitriou; Merchant Marine, Stathis Alexandris; change

European plan to build Nato transport plane

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The European members of Nato are considering starting a multi-billion pound project to build a large military transport aircraft.

The issue will be discussed on Monday at a meeting of European defence ministers in the independent European Programme Group in Madrid.

Initial assessments of the need for an aircraft to succeed the Lockheed Hercules transport and other aircraft have been in progress for some time.

The possibility is being examined of building an aircraft, for the late 1990s, capable of being used both for heavy transport and in maritime patrol, air-to-air refuelling and airborne early warning.

It is estimated that the European Nato countries have about 400 aircraft which will need replacing.

A joint programme would be seen as another step towards a collaborative European approach to the procurement of defence equipment which could lead to European defence industries competing on equal terms with the Americans.

Londoners' leap thrills New Yorkers

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

New Yorkers were plainly delighted yesterday by the historic leap from the Empire State Building by two young Londoners.

The sky divers were hailed in the newspapers for doing what no one had done before. And New Yorkers, who get moody if they do not have at least one sensation a week, were grateful to them.

Michael McCarthy, aged 25, a computer programmer, and Alisdair Boyd, aged 27, a landscape gardener, dived first from the 86th floor observation deck, 1,050ft up, having attached their parachute static lines to the railings.

A minute later, having steered their rectangular aerofoil parachutes around obstacles, they landed in Fifth Avenue.

Mr Boyd gathered up his chute and smartly hailed a taxi. Mr McCarthy's chute, however, snagged on a traffic light and two policemen arrived to arrest him and charge him with reckless endanger-

ment and parachuting within the city limits. He did not seem to mind, and the policemen themselves seemed to admire the stunt.

Mr McCarthy, who parachuted from the Eiffel Tower two years ago, and Mr Boyd made practice jumps from an antenna tower in Florida before flying to New York and buying \$3 tickets to the Empire State Building.

They carried their parachutes gear under raincoats, strapped it on and climbed over the 6th rail to the parapet. A guard shouted "Get off the fence" - and they did.

There were plenty of pictures of the Londoners' leap because they had told a photographic agency in advance. They said they did not make any money on the jump. They did it because it had not been done before and because life can be humdrum.

They also said the Empire State Building represents America. Back on the ground, having conquered America, they dined on hamburgers.

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 Address _____
 Date of Birth _____ Day _____ Month _____ Year _____
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4 I accept the terms of the Prospectus dated 10 July 1985.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____ 19 _____
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DEFINITIONS: 2. In this prospectus: "applicant" means an eligible person (as defined in paragraph 3) who enters into a Yearly Plan agreement; "certificate date" means the date one year after the first of the month which follows the month of the first payment. It will be shown on the certificate; "certificate value" means the capitalised value of payments made under the agreement together with interest earned on the payments at the certificate date.

ELIGIBILITY: 3. A Yearly Plan agreement may be applied for: (i) by any individual who has reached the age of 7 years and is not under a legal disability other than by reason of his age, or (ii) by such an individual on behalf of and in the name of a person under the age of 7 years at the date a valid application is received (a) by a receiver on behalf of and in the name of a mentally disordered person, or (b) by not more than 2 trustees, either corporate or individual, where the beneficiary of the trust is a sole individual.

APPLICATION: 4. An applicant will complete an application form. The standing order mandate form which forms part of the application must show the day in the month on which payments are to be made. But the Yearly Plan Section will enter the month in which the first payment is to be made and send the standing order mandate to the bank. The due date for the first payment will be no less than one month and no more than two months after the interest rates date. To start the agreement the first payment must be made on the due date. Subsequent payments will be due on the same day of the month in the following 11 months.

INTEREST RATES NOTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE: 5. The interest rates applicable to an agreement will be notified to the applicant in an offer letter sent by post to the applicant's address. If the applicant rejects the offer, the standing order mandate must be cancelled so as to prevent the first payment from being made.

PAYMENTS: 6. Payments may be made only under a standing order mandate acceptable to the Director of Savings. Payments can be made in this manner by the applicant or by any person or body on his behalf. All such payments, once made, will become the property of the holder. 7. Only one payment per agreement may be made in each of the 12 months of an agreement and each payment must be for the same amount. 8. In the event of the death (other than of a trustee or receiver) of either the applicant or holder no further payments may be made under the agreement without the consent of the Director of Savings. Any payments made in breach of this paragraph will be refunded without interest.

LIMITS: 9. The minimum monthly payment under the Scheme is £20. All monthly payments must be in multiples of £5. The total of all payments under the Scheme for the benefit of any one holder must not exceed £200 in

any month. A holder who is a trustee will be treated separately in his personal capacity and in his capacity as trustee, and separately in respect of each separate trust fund.

SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS: 10. Provided that at least 7 valid payments are made under an immediately preceding agreement leading to the issue of a certificate, the applicant has an option to enter into a subsequent agreement on the terms of this prospectus as amended in accordance with paragraphs 21 and 22. The applicant takes up the option by continuing the standing order payments provided the first payment under the subsequent agreement is made on the due date. If the applicant does not wish to take up the option the standing order mandate must be cancelled.

PAYMENTS ON SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS: 11. Payments on subsequent agreements must be for the same amount, and be made on the same day of the month as for the preceding agreement.

TRANSFERS: 12. Agreements are transferable only with the consent of the Director of Savings. Certificates are transferable in the same way as other savings certificates.

INTEREST ON PAYMENTS UP TO CERTIFICATE DATE: 13. Monthly payments in respect of which a certificate is issued will each earn simple interest for each complete calendar month up to the certificate date. Interest begins on the first day of the month following the month of payment. If monthly payments are repaid before the certificate date, no interest is payable.

INTEREST ON CERTIFICATES: 14. A certificate showing the certificate value at the certificate date will be sent to the applicant. The certificate value will earn interest compounded annually on the anniversaries of the certificate date for each whole calendar month from the certificate date up to the date of repayment or the fourth anniversary of the certificate date, whichever is earlier.

BASIS ON WHICH INTEREST IS EARNED: 15. If at least 7 payments are made under an agreement the interest rates to be applied to individual payments and to the certificate value will be those set out in the relevant offer letter.

REPAYMENT: 16. If 6 or fewer payments are made under an agreement the interest rate will be 3% p.a. This rate will apply both to the individual payments and to the certificate value.

REPAYMENT: 17. The only permissible units of repayment are: (a) whole certificates together with accrued interest, (b) all the payments so far made.

REPAYMENT: 18. Repayment will be made on application in writing to the Yearly Plan Section. The repayment warrant will normally be put in the post within 14 working days of receiving an application, but repayment within this period cannot be guaranteed and it is advisable to apply as far in advance as possible. Repayment will be made by crossed warrant. For the purposes of this prospectus, the date of repayment shall be deemed to be the date of the warrant.

EXTENSION TERMS: 20. From the 4th anniversary of the certificate date, and until 3 months notice has been given otherwise, interest will continue to accrue: (a) on certificates for which at least 7 payments have been made, at the variable extension rate applicable to other extended National Savings Certificates; (b) on certificates on which interest is payable at the rate of 3% p.a. until the 4th anniversary of the certificate date, at a rate of 3% p.a.

CHANGES TO THE PROSPECTUS: 21. The Treasury may on giving notice withdraw the option, mentioned in paragraph 10 of this prospectus, in respect of existing and future agreements. This will not prevent an agreement (without an option) being made where an offer letter has been sent to the applicant.

22. The Treasury may on giving notice: (a) change the amounts specified in paragraph 6; (b) change the minimum number of payments specified in paragraph 10 to secure the right to an option to enter into a subsequent agreement; (c) change the number of payments specified in paragraphs 15 and 16 which determine the basis on which interest will be earned; (d) lay down, alter or terminate the extension terms under paragraph 20; but notice as to effect of changes already made before the date specified in the notice or agreement is in force.

23. The Treasury will give any notice required under paragraphs 21 and 22 in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes or in any manner which they think fit. If notice is given otherwise than in the Gazettes, it will as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter be recorded in them.

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Minister howled down by extremists angry over Pretoria's reforms

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Pretoria's roadshow to sell its new black urbanization policy to its supporters and prepare them for possibly more far-reaching reform proposals has got off to an inauspicious start. Mr Louis Nel, the Deputy Minister of Information, was howled down at a public meeting.

President Botha also faced loud heckling at Vereeniging, south of Johannesburg, when he made what appeared to be a significant statement on black political emancipation: "We will have to give political rights to all who do not have them in order that leaders can be identified to join us in negotiation because we cannot negotiate with masses."

But Mr Nel was unable to make himself heard over the barrage of noise from supporters of both the conservative Herstigte Nasionale Party and the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB). As he left the hall the right-wingers, calling themselves "people who walk the straight road", jubilantly took over the stage and appointed a former professional wrestler to chair the meeting. They cheered a motion of no confidence in the National Party, President Botha and their local National Party MP.

Policeman stabbed in Soweto rampage

Johannesburg—A black police sergeant was stabbed to death as mobs of youths went on a rampage in the black township of Soweto near here yesterday (Ray Kennedy writes).

Other youths hijacked private cars and forced taxi drivers to take them to the court where they were faced by a barrier of mounted police. Church ministers, members of the public and reporters were turned away from the court.

Major black organizations such as the United Democratic Front and the radical Azanian People's Organization (Azapo) have commented that the Government is noted for giving with one hand and taking away with the other. Azapo, however, conceded the abolition of influx control was a step, albeit "a very minute step", towards the removal "of the racist laws that entrench white supremacy."

Marilyn race protest

Johannesburg (AFP)—A Marilyn Monroe look-alike competition organized by a South African supermarket chain has been cancelled because of complaints from black politicians that it discriminated against blacks.

There was no age, colour, race or sex bar. But because of complaints from black politicians that a competition asking for Marilyn Monroe look-alikes was in its very nature discriminatory against blacks, the chain decided reluctantly to scrap it.

Meanwhile, police yesterday confirmed the overnight arrest under the Internal Security Act of the Rt Rev Sipebster Ndandwe, the Anglican Suffragan Bishop of Johannesburg, West. The Rt Rev Desmond Tutu, the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, said: "If anyone has been working towards holding together a community that was exploding, then it was him."

Manila press men killed in ambush

From Keith Dalton, Manila

A senior Reuters photographer, a provincial journalist and eight soldiers died in a roadside ambush by communist rebels in the northern Philippines. Mr Juan Ponce Enrique, the Defence Minister, said yesterday.



Mr Willie Vicoy, the photographer who died in an ambush in the Philippines, on assignment during the Vietnam war.

Mr Willy Vicoy, aged 45, a veteran photographer and Mr Pete Mabasa, a local journalist, were the first reporters to die covering the 18-year insurgency.

Reagan offers help to Aquino

Washington—President Reagan yesterday telephoned President Corason Aquino of the Philippines, offering United States assistance "in meeting the challenges that lie before her Government."

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It was the President's first direct contact with Mrs Aquino since she took office in late February after the ousting of President Ferdinand Marcos.

Mr Vicoy, aged 45, the father of six children, spent five years covering the Vietnam conflict as a staffman for United Press International. His family did not want him to go off to war, so he told them he was covering a routine assignment.

Senior American official wants Waldheim barred from entering US

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A senior Justice Department official responsible for investigating Nazi war crimes has recommended that Dr Kurt Waldheim be barred from the United States because of alleged involvement in wartime atrocities against Yugoslav partisans.

Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, is expected to study the recommendations in the next few days. Dr Waldheim, former UN Secretary-General and now running for president in Austria, could be barred under a section of the immigration law that excludes foreigners who took part in Nazi war crimes.

Threat of ban upsets Austrian politicians

Vienna—News of the recommendation that Dr Kurt Waldheim be refused entry to the United States provoked a storm of protest from conservative politicians supporting him for the Austrian presidency (Richard Bassett writes).

Herr Michael Graff, the deputy leader of the People's Party, yesterday accused the World Jewish Congress of continuing its "hate-filled, dishonest attack".

Cameraman haunted by Vietnam war work

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But the bad dreams never deflected the dour of Philippine cameramen from the love of his life—combat photography.

Church-state summit eases way for Pope's Polish visit

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

General Jaruzelski and Cardinal Glemp have held the first Polish church-state summit in almost a year to prepare the way for the Pope's next pilgrimage to his homeland.

The two also stressed the political status of Solidarity prisoners: the Government insists on referring only to "non-criminal" offenders. The Government wants explicit curbs on the activities of pro-Solidarity priests. The Church insists on considering each priest on his merits, transferring some from sensitive parishes but in general supporting their right to speak out about human rights.

Soviet reprimands show problems facing oil industry

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

New evidence of the severe troubles facing the giant Soviet oil industry emerged yesterday with a report in Pravda that the Communist Party had severely reprimanded two senior government officials for shoddy work in the key oil-refining sector.

The paper disclosed that only three out of 13 new units planned to come into use in 1984 and 1985 had actually done so. The Soviet oil-refining and petrochemical industry was also taken to task for the under-use of existing capacity.



Tribute to astronauts

Caroline McAuliffe (above), daughter of Christa McAuliffe, the high school teacher who died in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger on January 28, watching a tribute to her mother and the six professional astronauts on board.

Grenada coup described

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West Germany's problems in coming to terms with the Nazi past surfaced in the Bonn Parliament yesterday when MPs failed to decide for or against a national war memorial.

Zimbabwe to seek foreign investment

Harare (API)—The Zimbabwe Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, announced yesterday that his Socialist government is preparing its first guidelines for prospective investors since independence in 1980.

Glasses clue in Palme murder hunt

Stockholm (Reuter)—The Swedish police disclosed that they had found a pair of spectacles near the spot where the former Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme, was murdered that may have belonged to his assassin.

Oslo intervenes to end its offshore dispute

The Norwegian Government yesterday intervened and ended the dispute that had shot down the country's oil and gas production for the past 19 days.

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Woodrow Wyatt

And if the eagle should fly?

Isolationism in the US is not confined to the Midwest. There was general anger in America at the lack of support from Europe for the Libyan raid, and fury against the French and Italians for refusing overflying rights. Without Mrs Thatcher the trend towards Fortress America would have been accelerated.

Europeans, particularly in Britain, tend to think that we are doing the US a favour when we allow her to defend us with her forces and bases in Europe. The US would be considerably better off if it withdrew all its bases and troops — 55 per cent of its yearly defence budget of some \$300 billion is spent on defending us. Although it would still spend a lot on the withdrawal forces the expense would be much less.

Western Europe would not only lose comfort by such a withdrawal, it would lose considerable foreign exchange and employment. The 350,000 American troops in Europe are accompanied by some 750,000 dependents. The absence of well over a million Americans permanently stationed here, spending dollars and giving employment, would be extremely disagreeable.

It is sentiment more than necessity that impels the US to defend us. If there was a war between Russia and the West a fortress America would be in no greater danger of nuclear destruction than it is at present. If no nuclear weapons were used America would be absolutely safe. The Russians could not get large numbers of troops across the Bering Straits. There is no chance of their being able to do a Hannibal over the Alps on the US.

American exports would not suffer under a Fortress America policy — that is, until the Russians decided that the remnants of free Europe could so easily be taken over by Russia that they might as well do it. But even then a country with the vast resources of America would not be deterred for long.

A Western Europe without America would either have to step up its defence spending enormously or accept the inevitable. If the presence of large American forces has not made Russia relax her grip on Eastern Europe, the absence of them, and a policy not to send them to Europe again, would be an irresistible temptation to Moscow. Gorbachev may have a modern look, but he remains an old-fashioned Russian imperialist. The Russian army has not left Afghanistan.

Incidents can easily be contrived to justify the taking over of the Western sector of Berlin, leading to further incidents and advances elsewhere in Europe.

David Walker

Old unions don't just fade away

The Secretary of State for Employment's Stockton Lecture the other night was dishonest in the way politicians usually are on subjects deemed sensitive or electorally disorienting. David Young, the former straight-talking businessman, came of age as a party politician.

The subject of the lecture was billed as enterprise. It turned out to be a speech about industrial relations — rightly so, since Secretaries of State for Employment cannot do much about our perennial national culture (Lord Young's phrase), while they can operate on the body of law that underpins collective bargaining. Thus he spoke about trade unions. Rather, he insinuated and hinted a great deal about trade unions but stopped short of his and the Prime Minister's ultimate tenet: that trade unions have no place in a thriving enterprise society.

It is worth getting the minister's argument straight. Wage bargaining by unions is anachronistic. Trade unions are Marxist, in so far as they assume a permanent condition of struggle between employers and employees. The union attitude is "the virus of the British disease". Union leaders are schooled in terms of class war and exploitation suitable to the 1880s.

The economic facts of life, Lord Young said, are as follows: if wages are constrained, firms have lower costs. That encourages them to produce more and sell more — they can set lower prices and enjoy higher profits. Real demand and output will increase.

And where does that leave trade unions? Here is the minister's concealment, achieved by leaving the conclusion unspoken. The logic is plain: trade unions are bad for business... business is good for workers... ergo trade unions are bad for workers. The role of a reforming government is plain: abolish them. Prescriptions for action in Young's speech: none.

Despite the 1980, 1982 and 1984 industrial relations legislation, unions still enjoy immunity from the operations of the civil law. They are, in short, empowered by law to inflict economic harm in a market society, they have no place. Turn to the Institute of Economic Affairs: a reputable source of analysis in favour of market economics. A new IEA pamphlet, out this week, is blunt: "Modern unionism is an affront to the rule of law, upon which the authority of the liberal state should rest. Hence the proper role of law would be to proscribe them."

Unlike the minister the IEA is unafraid to face the logic of its premises. Trade unions exist to stop labour being supplied. They should be declared illegal combinations. That conclusion leads straight to repeal of the 1966 Trades Disputes Act and the end of protection for unions in civil suits for example alleging conspiracy to do economic harm to an employer.

What says Lord Young's hand? Perhaps he is an historicist who thinks the inevitability of history will take care of the problem. Trade unions are, he argued in the Stockton Lecture, in terminal decline. The proportion of the labour force in unions has fallen from nearly 60 per cent in 1979 to just over 50 per cent in 1984. Give it a bit more time and trade unionism becomes, like council housing, a residual category barely worthy of attention. We can all relax at back and watch Sogit 82 and the National Union of Mineworkers slide into the sunset. That, with firms, seems to be the Government's position.

It is untenable. The decline of union membership is neither inevitable nor fast. The electronics leader Eric Hammond, for all the benignity of his visage, exists to do to employers no more, nor less than harm them if the collective interests of his members are not served. It is as unacceptable a strand of market economics as Arthur Scargill. Meanwhile there is evidence that unit labour cost is the subject of much ministerial hand-wringing, are indeed affected indirectly by the extent of unionization (where unionized sectors prevent a reduction in real wages). The government believes there is, at some level, a connection between legislation to deprive unions and macro-economic improvement.

But perhaps Lord Young is scared. The fear is that expressed by his adjutant, Kenneth Clarke, that there is in British public opinion a gauge of the right balance between "both sides of industry" — in other words — a conviction that capital and labour have competing interests. Clarke has insinuated that public opinion considers the balance now to be about right, with some danger of its favour swinging against the employer. A good and bloody public service strike might alter that for the moment the politics of unit bargaining are difficult. That must be Lord Young's judgement. What Right To Strike? IEA, 2 Lord North Street, London SW1E 3LB. £2.

Kenneth Minogue on the long reach of Liberation Theology

At God's left hand

Neil Kinnoch and Pope John Paul II have recently been facing the same problem: how to deal with the Trojan Horse of Marxism. Kinnoch's problem is for the moment largely represented by the Militants of Liverpool; His Holiness is confronted by the Liberation Theologians of Latin America, where nearly half his flock resides. The problem arises because of the Marxist propensity for taking over institutions through masquerade — Marxism is even capable of masquerading as religion.

There is certainly no mystery about Marx's view of religion. "I hate all gods", was the Promethean remark he used as the epigraph to his doctoral dissertation, and his successors have taken him at his word whenever they have attained power. Leagues of the Godless have discouraged religious practices; persecution and often slaughter have been used to intimidate the Church.

Marx thought he had good intellectual reasons for this position. He inherited a philosophical tradition, dating back to the ancient Greeks, according to which religion was a set of myths necessary for keeping unruly men in mortal fear of the invisible policeman of conscience. In the coming enlightenment such fables would be unnecessary.

The real point of the attack on religion, however, lies in a simple fact about the technology of revolution. Any revolution must spring from the discontent of workers or peasants, but it is impossible to focus this discontent if the people continue to think in terms of a life hereafter. They must instead be persuaded that politics is a zero-sum game: the stakes are nothing other than the goods of this world. Such is the theory of the class struggle. Correspondingly, the theory of surplus value explains discontent not as the result of man's enslavement to sin, but as a consequence of the fact that the rich are robbing the poor; and oppression of this kind is much more manageable than original sin.

It is easy enough to see how a collection of revolutionary Marxists, sheltering under the popular trademark of Labour, might plausibly pass themselves off as merely realistic supporters of the socialist programme of Keir Hardie and Nye Bevan; less easy to see how Marxists might pass themselves off as Christians. Yet there are significant affinities between these competitors for the allegiance of populations.

One link arises from the fact that priests working amid the suffering of Latin America might well identify Christ's poor with Marx's proletariat, of whom he said that "no particular wrong but wrong generally is perpetrated against it". The argument of the Gospels is that wealth attaches us dangerously to the things of this world. Thus the poor may be found oppressed by a corrupt system, then it is easy to see that many priests might think partisanship with the poor to be the heart of a reinvigorated Gospel message.

A less obvious reason why Christianity might slide into Marxism is to be found in the fact that religion has lately been invaded by science and philosophy.



Pope John Paul visiting revolutionary Nicaragua and Derek Hatton addressing the Labour Party: two faces of the same dilemma

In its natural state, Christianity is a collection of stories constituting what is believed to be a divine revelation, and the meaning of these doctrines and stories changes over the generations. Taken up by the philosophically inclined, however, the stories will be translated into the abstractions of current intellectual life. God turns into the ground of being, the Gospel stories become metaphors of renewal, the Second Coming a concretization of hope, and so on.

This intellectualizing process homogenizes and makes rigid whatever it touches. Indeed, it has been plausibly argued — by Lewis Feuer, among others — that the fundamental structure of Marxism is merely an abstract version of the story of Moses leading the enslaved people of Israel out of Egyptian bondage to the promised land. Significantly, the Vatican response to Liberation Theology invokes the Exodus story, adding: "God wishes to be adored by people who are free." One aspect of the Trojan Horse problem faced by the churches is thus that Marxism is in some respects an abstract and simplified version of one of the central ideas of Christianity.

The Pope's response to this problem has come in two documents issued under the name of Cardinal Ratzinger from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The first came out in 1984 and was largely critical of Liberation Theology; the second, which has just been published, restates Christian doctrine in such a way as to absorb whatever is valuable in the theology of liberation, and to discard the "deadly errors" of what remains.

The link between Christianity and Marxism resides in the very idea of liberation itself. In Christian terms, God has made us free, but we tend constantly to slide into the bondage of sin. In Marxist terms, we are enslaved by capitalism, but can liberate ourselves through armed struggle. The possibilities of confusion along this conceptual axis are positively vertiginous, but the cardinal manages to keep his head. His account, for example, of the Marxist dogma of the unity of theory and practice could hardly be bettered: "According to the logic of Marxist thought, the 'analysis' is inseparable from the praxis, and from the conception of history to which this praxis is linked. The analysis is for the Marxist an instrument of criticism, and criticism is only one stage in the revolutionary struggle... the only true consciousness, then, is the partisan consciousness."

The anti-Christian character of this doctrine can partly be brought out by juxtaposing it against the Christian injunction to love one's enemies. Conversion is a better aim than liquidation. The Marxist emphasis on systems and structures must be contrasted with the Christian emphasis on the human heart. "The first thing to be done," writes the cardinal, "is to appeal to the spiritual and moral capacities of the individual... if one is to achieve the economic and social changes that will truly be at the service of man." A century and a half after Marx, when systems have been toppled and replaced without any notable improvement in the human heart, the Marxist argument looks very thin.

The political point of papal documents, however, is less to win arguments than to reaffirm the Christian position in such a way as to build a bridge by which the straying theologians of liberation can return to the Christian fold.

Bryan Appleyard looks at the marketing onslaught that has hit small bookshops

Fighting off the Burtons of the bookshelves

command the highest discounts. They carry large stocks — £60 worth per square foot of selling space — and, in general, they are as highbrow as the best of the independents.

And they are moving very quickly. Waterstone's, which only came into existence at the end of 1982, had 10 shops by the end of last year and is opening another eight this year. They work on the basis that every store must achieve £1 million turnover in its first year. Hatchards and Corgi, two Collins subsidiaries, are expanding just as quickly.

In addition, W H Smith is rationalizing its Bowes & Webster subsidiary by remaining at the 37 shops in the company's Sherratt and Hughes. In September it will announce national promotion of the chain as well as the development of additional shops. With Penguin Bookshops, Pentos and Blackwell's all moving in the same direction, it is clear that the smart new-wave bookshop is about to take its place on every High Street next to smart new-wave clothes and furniture shops.

But who is buying the books? The answer is difficult to pin down but it seems clear that the market is growing and that growth should be accelerating. For a start, Britain's total book market is worth about £700 million annually; which means that in terms of per capita spending on books we are lagging well behind the Americans and most of the Europeans. The "under-bookshop" phase may have held back the whole market and the new wave may mean we shall catch up. Certainly experience so far suggests that these new shops are

creating new business rather than simply taking it straight off the independents.

Furthermore, library borrowing is on the decline. Public libraries are not what they were and the book-borrowing habit has not really taken root in the younger generation.

So the gap in the market spotted by the new wave certainly seems to exist and appears to be sufficiently large to allow them to expand contentedly for some time yet. Nobody has any illusions, however, that they will soon be crashing into each other in competition for prime sites and that the ambitions of some will have to be pruned or abandoned.

But meanwhile that leaves the independents, increasingly pessimistic about the loyalty of their clientele and unable to do anything other than their already slim profit margins. "I'm sad to say," laments Phil Cullen, general manager of Sherratt and Hughes, "that many of them will be forced out of business." These are not crocodile tears. Cullen is about to retire and delights in browsing through independent bookshops.

Tim Waterstone, chairman of Waterstone's, takes the rather more robust view that bookselling was always a profitable business — witness the consistency of W H Smith's figures — and it was only the inefficiency of small operators which had given the business a bad name for low margins and poor returns. But he does add that the independents should be able to survive in more specialized niches — playing, as it were, the role of bespoke tailor to the off-the-peg High Street operations.

A more radical solution was proposed at the Booksellers

SPORTS DIARY

Simon Barnes

Rigging the Cup

Saturation media coverage of the America's Cup threatens to be one of the great bores of our time. Yacht racing is not an all-action television sport. But alongside the rigging will be what promises to be the most spectacular aquatic event since Trafalgar: the five months of battling between the International Management Group's "gunboat" and the boats of filmcrews from all over the world. "Ways will be found to prevent you filming," threatened one IMG man. "The event will be policed and we will have our gunboats out."

IMG, the megabuck sporting agency headed by Mark McCormack, bought the rights to the America's Cup from the Royal Perth Yacht Club. The agency wants \$300,000 from anyone who wishes to cover the event. There are no separate deals for, say, making documentary films, and the sum is far too large for the BBC and other organizations, to even consider.

Six appeal

Last summer, lest we forget, God was in his Heaven. All was right with the world. England was thumping Australia and Ian Botham was hitting every ball that came his way for six. He hit a record 80 in the season. The feat has prompted a new six-hitting contest, with prizes that every cricketer will cherish: money. If Botham hits 80 sixes again this summer, he will get £1,300. *Wisden Cricket Monthly* magazine, in conjunction with a company called Basic Six, will operate the scheme. Botham will receive £10 for every first-class six he hits from the 20th onward — and from that 20th sixth the tenners become retrospective. Thus 19 sixes win you nothing, but 21 earn you £210. The man who scores the most in the season will receive a bonus of £500. I hope the winner of our discontent will be made glorious summer by this son of Somerset. Or to put it less laboriously: attaboy, Both!

My achievement in tipping the winner of the Grand National will never be forgotten, at least not by me. Flushed with hubris, I now tip Sonic Lady to win the first classic of the season, the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Thursday. If you shy from backing favourites, then have Chalk Stream each way.

Dilly Daley

A South African radio station came up with a world scoop recently when it announced that Bloemfontein-born (and raised, and educated) Zola Budd was engaged to be married — to Daley Thompson. The announcement was in fact made on April 1. The joke echoes an informal competition held by *Daily Mail* subscribers after their newspaper had bought up Miss Budd in that memorable deal a couple of years back. The object of the competition was to find the best Zola headline. The winning entry was "Zola has Daley's Lovelchild." But I seem to remember from the Olympics that Mr Thompson has set his sights even higher — on a former European three-day event champion...

Net profit

This being the age of voluntary net practice it is nice to see the Australian cricket captain Allan Border storming into England to join Essex. He arrived this week from Australia, was met at Heathrow at half past six in the morning, went straight to Chelmsford, and by lunchtime he was having his first net. On Wednesday, in spectacularly English conditions, he scored 80 runs, and already looks a good bet for top of the averages. Has the man not heard that travelling cricketers are supposed to do it with a whinge? What is the game coming to?



Barry Fantoni

"Poor Marvin. He was on his way down town to catch his British trip, and got shot."

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VIVA EL REY

For any leading Spaniard to have spoken about Gibraltar within the precincts of the Palace of Westminster a decade ago would have been tantamount to a declaration of diplomatic war.

It did not cloud what must by any standards be regarded as a highly successful state visit, the first of its kind for more than 80 years.

British trade with Spain rose by 20 per cent last year (even before Spain joined the European Community) to a total volume (in and out) of £3.4 billion.

On July 1 the new extradition treaty between the two governments comes into force, removing a further source of discontent.

Tourism too should rise again this Summer. In 1985 the

number of British holiday-makers going to Spain fell from its 1984 figure of six million to five million—a drop which has been attributed more to the effect of the miners' strike and the fallen value of the pound than to any fears about street crime on the Costa Brava.

The physical impact of British holidaymakers on Spanish resorts may not always be in the best interests of international relations. But the annual flow has probably made young people in this country more familiar with Spain than with any other European country.

It would be foolish to dismiss the Gibraltar issue as one which can be put to one side following the 1984 Brussels agreement. That perhaps is the moral to be remembered from the King's two references to the issue, first at the banquet in Buckingham Palace, and the second, more pointed, one in his address to the Houses of Parliament.

The speech in which he urged both governments to "stand the test of history" and come up with a "formula" was probably written not by the monarch but by the Spanish prime minister Senor Felipe Gonzalez, himself an Andalusian who, with an election this Summer, perceived the need to assure his electorate that he did not intend to renege on this commitment.

STILL A FUNNY FARM POLICY

The outline agreement reached by EEC agriculture ministers in Luxembourg yesterday has been described by Britain's own minister Mr Michael Jopling, as a "major step forward."

The two stated objectives were to come up with a formula which would help deal with the Community's bizarre burden of steadily mounting food stocks, and secondly to ensure that the penalties involved in reforming the CAP were fairly distributed.

It is worth once more pointing out on their behalf that in the United States the quantity of stored grain now stands at 80m tons and it is expected to double by the end of this year. This might sound of doubtful relevance, but it does at least indicate that the problem is not confined to the inefficient Old World.

FOURTH LEADER

On reading of the death of Dan Archer in Thursday's edition of "The Archers", the attentive newspaper reader will have wondered whether he perished from eating too much sugar.

Of course, if sugar is not guilty of killing off this well-loved character, there is no lack of other candidates. Coffee and tea (or anything containing caffeine), white bread, fatty meat (lean meat too), food that contains preservatives, food that doesn't and has therefore probably rotted, alcohol (naturally), butter, cream, anything fried, and almost every other food product has been found by some researcher or other to cause most of the diseases going.

A good rule of thumb, based upon this long record of research, is that food causes cancer. It is unlikely that Dan Archer survived all those years without occasionally succumbing to temptation and eating the odd sandwich made

nian enough is immediately apparent. The price freeze on beef and the three per cent cut in milk quotas both fall below what is required. A five per cent cut in milk quotas, for example, would have been more appropriate. As for cereals, the measures taken in respect of grain will mean, when all factors have been taken into account, an effective six per cent cut in prices in this country and in France — and rather more than that in West Germany and the Netherlands.

It is worth once more pointing out on their behalf that in the United States the quantity of stored grain now stands at 80m tons and it is expected to double by the end of this year. This might sound of doubtful relevance, but it does at least indicate that the problem is not confined to the inefficient Old World. It is also true that in one sense the Community is competing with advances in technology — which enable production to increase despite a lower level of manpower. Thus the situation in which some 70 per cent of the hard-pressed European budget goes on agriculture, even though

with deadly white bread. The fine print in research papers would allay much anxiety on the part of consumers if it were generally read. It confides such truths as that the rats which developed cancer did so only after consuming the equivalent of 160 cups of coffee each day or subsisting exclusively on a diet of potato crisps (prawn cocktail flavour). These are feats unlikely to be widely imitated in the Home Counties.

Not only are rats less able to object effectively to a particular diet, but the same food (even in similar amounts) may well have a different effect on human beings.

That problem would be overcome if the American proposal were adopted and future experiments of this kind performed on lawyers. Those who advocate this change point out that there is a shortage of rats compared to the surplus of lawyers and that researchers, who sometimes

But the issue is there, as solid and immovable as the Rock itself, and will remain so unless and until the right "formula" can be found.

There are also difficulties of smaller scale over the status to be accorded Spanish passengers using Gibraltar airfield, and the overflying rights for RAF aircraft using the Rock. But on these negotiations are continuing.

The reopening of the border between Gibraltar and Spain early last year was a significant advance. By the end of last December some six million people had taken advantage of the new opportunity to cross from one side to the other without interference. As many as 1,000 Gibraltarians now actually live inside Spain, driven out by the shortage of houses on the Rock, and daily commute to their business. This is the kind of easy relationship which can only help towards an eventual solution of the whole Gibraltar issue.

Without the border reopening, it would have been difficult to envisage a state visit like that which came to an end yesterday. As it is, King Juan Carlos and his Queen came to Britain as the constitutional monarchs of Britain's partner in the European Community, its ally in Nato, and, in a sense, a neighbour with whom one can cooperate to mutual advantage.

Spain, not unlike Britain, is faced with rising unemployment and with the challenges which membership of the Community has undoubtedly brought. But now it is not only their problems that the two countries have in common.

The king has capitalised upon this situation, and now returns to Madrid with his reputation enhanced. He has already shown himself in Spain to be a man for his time — and in Britain he confirmed the impression

Terrorism in the Libyan context

From Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeeoch Sir, Terrorism, as a means of exerting political pressure, whether domestic or international, is a threat to all civilised peoples.

But terrorists are civilians (however rigorously trained), lightly-armed (however lethally equipped), operating individually or in small groups from extemporised bases in the midst of urban populations.

Your leading article of April 18, "The case for the raid", would therefore have carried more weight had you argued that whereas the use of military power against terrorists cannot be excluded, provided statesmen "restrict military action to clearly defined military targets", it is far more likely to achieve the aim

From Mr Richard Terrell Sir, Most of the correspondence in your columns about the American raid has turned upon something called "terrorism" which people are anxious to prevent.

In all this there is a general omission to distinguish between acts of terrorism directly undertaken by the government of a state and similar acts carried out by isolated individuals or members of various revolutionary groups not overtly directed by a particular state.

The distinction, however, is

Gleam of hope in rhino decline

From Mr Maurice Coreth Sir, Jan Rasmussen's timely article, "The fight to save a giant" (April 14), overlooked the one real gleam of hope on the rhino's bleak horizon.

Fifteen years ago Mr Courtland Parfet built a private rhino sanctuary on his ranch at Solo in northern Kenya, where the rhino population has declined from around 19,000 in 1970 to about 425 today.

This spectacular success inspired the Kenya Wildlife Department's black rhino management plan which is now being implemented in the national parks at Nakuru, Tsavo and the Aberdare Salient.

Work has started at Nakuru, where the 144 sq km park will be encompassed by an electrified fence to keep the rhino in (and the poachers out). The fence will incorporate unobtrusive guard posts and alarms activated by tampering. Upon its completion rhino at risk in other areas will be moved into this safe haven to live and breed undisturbed.

This scheme is seen as Africa's blueprint for the rhino's reprieve from extinction. All is not yet lost, but time is no longer on the great mammal's side.

Yours etc, MAURICE CORETH (Chairman, Rhino Rescue), PO Box 1, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

From Mrs Marguerite V. H. Minster Sir, I find it disquieting to read in your leading article today (April 18) that The Times, finding itself in disagreement with the majority of its readers over the wisdom and moral defensibility of the Libyan raid, now sees the need "seriously" to address "the concerns of its readers" if it is to have any hope of influencing them.

I think I am not exceptional in looking to my newspaper to inform. I do not underestimate the value of argument, discussion and dialogue, but the spirit of evangelism in today's leading article makes me uneasy.

Is this the rôle of a responsible newspaper? Yours sincerely, MARGUERITE MINSTER, 28 Angelfield, St Stephen's Road, Hounslow, Middlesex, April 18.

Airport security

From Mrs Carol Cox Sir, As a frequent traveller, I am concerned about our security. I have had a body search several times, but at no time have I been asked if I was wearing a wig (I was) or had my hair flat.

Surely it is common knowledge that many men and women wear quite large wigs these days. Yours sincerely, CAROL COX, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, April 19.

Musical excellence

From Sir Ian Hunter Sir, I applaud Bernard Levio's article (April 1) calling for excellence in the training of musicians; but I question the support of one college to achieve that excellence.

It would be sensible to reduce the number of students in all the major music colleges, whilst at the same time maintaining their grants in order to allow better-paid teachers to give more time to fewer pupils; and thus improving the overall standard which, let there be no mistake, is already high.

What we need to create are the conditions to attract the world's best teachers to this country. As an idea I propose that one college should specialise in the field of advanced teaching of the violin, another of the piano, and so on, setting up small elite classes for the best pupils, and only the best, drawn from all the colleges.

If these teachers also gave some time to the Yebudi Menubio School, the Purcell School, Chesham, etc, it would mean that really gifted children could be taught or supervised by the same great teachers right from childhood through the colleges, until they are ready to play in public.

The problem lies in finding outstanding teachers with the time to teach, and providing them with outstanding pupils. Really gifted students with an element of genius are usually drawn to institutions by teachers with reputations rather than by the institutions themselves. My proposal would solve the problem corporately rather than through any one college.

Yours faithfully, IAN HUNTER, 31 Sinclair Road, W14, April 9.

Falklands fishing

From Lord Morris and others Sir, Following the events of 1982 there is today much fresh development and a new future for the Falkland Islands under steadfast British sovereignty, frequently reaffirmed by ministers and the Prime Minister herself.

But no attempt has been made to claim fishing limits recognized worldwide since 1977 and codified within the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention. That would give exclusive responsibility for managing the living resources, first call on allowable catches, and an obligation to give other states access to any surpluses against

A woman's place

From Mrs Alwynne Dean Sir, The fact that Oxford City Council's new centre for women is being organised and used by women has inspired the council to seek to have it adapted or built by women (report, April 23). Hey ho! What next? Should each minority group aspire to build everything for themselves — housing, factories, etc? What about the position of the unions then, or good race relations?

Surely the best way to help women and minority groups is to give them equal opportunities to prosper in the community and not develop new problems for them to overcome at some future time when another political party is in power.

Yours faithfully, ALWYNNE DEAN, 36 Manor Road Extension, Oadby, Leicestershire.

From Mr A. P. Duggan Sir, Since Oxford City Council have become obsessed with the concept of the vertical integration of female labour, surely they should take it further and insist that the cement, bricks and assorted hardware used in building should be produced solely by women?

Yours faithfully, A. P. DUGGAN, 35 Springcroft Parkgate, South Wirral, Cheshire, April 21.

Hospital transfers

From the Joint Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health and Social Security Sir, Your report (April 16) "Handicap traffic criticized" by your Science Correspondent, failed to make clear the narrow scope of the study, Hospital Closures in the Eighties, from which it was drawn, and gave the misleading impression that 70 per cent of all people who leave mental handicap hospitals go to other health service hospitals.

This is not the case at all. In 1984 there were 2,468 discharges of mentally handicapped people after a length of stay of one year or more. Only 549 of these people were transferred to other hospitals (22 per cent).

Of these, 182 people were transferred to non-psychiatric hospitals for treatment for physical illnesses, leaving only 367 (15 per cent) who were transferred to either mental illness or other mental handicap hospitals. The reasons for such transfer will have

compliance with Falklands' laws and payment of licence and royalty fees.

Failure to impose conservation measures is endangering stocks, and over-exploitation of Falkland squid is depressing prices and so jeopardising sales of Scottish herring and mackerel to Comecon factory ships, for want of foreign exchange earned from squid.

Reported agreements with Japan, South Korea and Taiwan to limit their fleets around the Falklands are encouraging first steps that need to be extended to include Spanish, Soviet and Polish fleets. But the current "pillage" must cease. That requires HMG to declare fishing limits and to

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 26 1930

There is an air of unreality about this news article. It is difficult to imagine any secretary of Lenin's indulging in such a sportive life-style, and Zinoviev was certainly not "beaten by workers" to death. He died in 1936. Our Special Correspondent was Captain G. A. Scott, who has served on the St. Petersburg for a short period.

IN RED RUSSIA

TO-DAY, DISEASE, FAMINE AND LUXURY.

(From Our Special Correspondent) Some 300 British refugees from Red Russia reached Southampton on Saturday by the P. & O. steamer Dongola.

The experiences of these people are very much the same. Many of them spent long months in prison, no reason being given for their arrest beyond the one that they were not Russian. Those who were not actually imprisoned were those of the Russian "bourgeoisie" who escaped arrest. In Red Russia, anyone who is not a Bolshevik comes under the heading of "bourgeoisie."

THE DANGER OF PLAGUE.

Moscow is one great cesspool of disease, corruption, and immorality, said a cultured and refined English lady to me at Mitcham, whither she and other refugees were taken. "Recently the order came that we were all to 'tidy the refuse-heaps outside our houses,' in preparation of a Government inspection. The most refined girls of the upper and middle classes were formed into companies of 50, and were marched to the Nikolaevsky station to clean the lavatories, to sweep with refuse, and to deposit the contents outside the town."

"What will happen when the great frost breaks is too terrible for human conception! Cholera, typhus, and leprosy already rage in Petrograd, Moscow, and all the larger cities. The canals are all polluted, and the open spaces outside the towns, where countless bodies have been cast into the snow all through the winter, are breathing out terrible life under the unmelting rays of the setting sun. If something is not done very soon, not only Moscow, but the whole of Russia will become one great charnel-house, and will poison the entire world."

The newly-arrived refugees without exception state that to the best of their knowledge Commissar Zinoviev of Petrograd is dead. Like Sverdloff, of Moscow, he was beaten by workmen and died in hospital of the effects of his beating some weeks later. The authorities naturally kept this secret as long as they were able.

A NOTE ON CANNIBALISM.

Many of the refugees hinted at the existence of cannibalism, but not one of them could testify to its existence as a fact. I personally can do so. When I was a prisoner in Moscow Gaol last year a Russian prison-friend of mine, whose name I cannot give, as he is still in all probability a prisoner, came to my cell and showed me his bowl of unpalatable prison-soup. In the middle of the horrible concoction floated a human finger. It is well that the public should know the facts.

A RED EXQUISITE.

An interesting story was related which will give people some idea of the luxury enjoyed by the actual leaders of the Soviet Government. The hospital at Tamboff in 1919 was crowded with Red Army men, many of them suffering from typhus and other sickness. Voluntary contributions of 50,000 pounds of flour for the patients. A doctor was sent from Moscow to Tamboff to work in the hospital. Lenin was at Tamboff at that time. He lived in the railway carriage built especially for the use of the late Tsar Nicholas—a magnificent car in rosewood, mahogany and cut-glass. The young doctor had known Lenin's secretary intimately in happier days, and before leaving Tamboff decided to call on him, with a view to securing two pounds of flour as a present for his wife at Moscow. With much difficulty he gained the siding where the "royal red" train stood. Here he was stopped by Lenin's personal guard (who are clothed in red from head to foot). After being kept waiting for three hours he was ushered into "the presence" of his erstwhile school-fellow, Lenin's private secretary. This "son of the proletariat" was lying full-length on a magnificent ottoman, clad in a gorgeous dressing-gown. At his side knelt a Red Guardsman, proffering papers for the secretary's august signature. The secretary signed the papers and waved his erstwhile friend to a seat. The coupé was filled with flowers and fruit, and was bright with silver and crystal fittings.

Horowitz in Moscow

From Mr J. R. Barton Sir, The television cameras on Sunday hovered for a moment on a Russian man as a tear rolled down his face whilst listening to Horowitz play Schumann. More images from the Moscow Conservatoire and the Metropolitan Opera might do more to promote understanding than all those from Red Square and Capitol Hill. Yours faithfully, JOHN RUSSELL BARTON, Holders, Great Chart, Ashford, Kent, April 21.

Royal 'rules'

From Lord Norwich Sir, Queen Elizabeth I may have disapproved of the general proliferation of her portraits — although the Order in Council quoted by Mr Denvir today (April 23) makes no specific mention of their reproduction on clothing.

Queen Victoria, on the other hand, seems to have encouraged such reproductions, particularly when imported from abroad; such, at least, seems to be the implication of Francis Thompson's Ode on her Diamond Jubilee in 1897: For ye have heard the thunder of her goings-forth. And wonder of her large imperial ways. Let India send her turbans, and Japan Her pictured vests from that remotest isle. Yours faithfully, JOHN JULIUS NORWICH, 24 Blomfield Road, W9.

THE ARTS

Television

Well Being (Channel 4) was concerned with female alcoholism...

As always in contemporary society, of course, this immediately becomes a problem...

The demystifying aspects of this process even became evident in last night's programme...

Of course some women, and men too, have problems with alcohol, and their dependency can lead to physical or mental deterioration...

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Peter Ackroyd

The Lamberts, George, Constant and Kit, form the subject of the first biography by Andrew Motion (right) poetry editor of Faber & Faber. Interview by Caroline Moorehead

Enjoying a life of quiet interests

"Make them laugh, make them cry, bring on the dancing girls", Philip Larkin would say to his friend and biographer Andrew Motion...

But Motion wanted to celebrate him at the moment when thoughts and memories were still so strong. He could hear the exact note of that "Eeyore" voice...

"The first two, the laughing and the crying were ok", Motion comments on his poem. "I was a bit short on dancing girls..."

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himself". Motion had come to Hull straight from the Newdigate Poetry Prize and a master's degree at Oxford from the poet Edward Thomas...

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Still, there was no proper form to his life. He became two days a week editor of the Poetry Review, commuting from the house in Oxford he



had bought with money bequeathed by his mother, who died after ten years in hospital paralysed following a riding accident.

On other days he travelled the literary circuit, giving readings of his own poetry, growing increasingly uneasy that in so doing he was somehow becoming that dreaded self-conscious figure "a poet, rather than just someone who sometimes writes poetry".

Then came a more marked act of fortune. Andrew Motion was visiting Chatto & Windus, trying and failing to interest them in the life of another poet, when Carmen Callil, the managing director, asked him what he felt about the Lamberts as a subject.

He wasn't certain. He had never heard of George, the painter, and knew nothing of Kit beyond the fact that he was manager of The Who...

He was soon hooked. Better still, Chatto suggested that he join the firm, for two days a week as Poetry Editor, while he made trips to Baltimore and Australia, in search of George's roots...

years of the biographer's ferreting and dredging.

They went well. Three generations meant three spans of time, so research was not all contemporary, not all historical; there were archives as well as interviews.

The Lamberts' interests were much his own: paintings through his mother, music through singing in the choir at school and pleasure in adult life. But Motion admits that while he likes Wagner, Constant preferred French and Russian composers...

Andrew Motion's conversation suggests that his life is now in good shape. He married a year ago, an editor at Chatto, so the firm has provided him with a book, a wife and a job...

The Lamberts: George, Constant and Kit is published on Monday (Chatto & Windus, £13.95).

Radio Knowing winks

Topics which refuse to behave themselves on Radio are punished by being turned into quizzes. No matter how good food looks, smells or tastes, it is no great shakes at making a noise, so into a quiz it goes.

The panel of four foodies, coyly jogged along by "your convivial host" Russell Davies, are a lot of aggressively light-hearted tasks like tasting apples ("crunch, stirp, mmmm, I think I recognize this one, mmmm - Russet") or, in the Pythonesque or, "Favourite Utensil Spot" naming their favourite utensil.

The Law Game (Radio 2) falls into the same category, but is rather more organized. It centres around short sketches in which legal puzzles are enacted.

Not long ago, a friend gave him an astrologer's birth chart she had drawn up of Jane Austen: it showed her life leading in one clear direction, towards solitude and writing.

It is a sad rule in life that the most capable game-show hosts are also the most arduous. Paul Daniels has an inability to speak normally through any sentence...

He favours ever-so-naughty jokes. (He pronounces "bosoms" "basooms") and a chummy knowingsness ("Sorry Frank" he said after making a joke about Frank Bough).

How reassuring to know that Robert Robinson is still trundling along avuncularly with Brain of Britain (Radio 4). The only overstatement in the show lies in the title, otherwise a nostalgic, and it must be said, somewhat campy Home Counties bonhomie predominates.

The same pleasant illusion is conjured up by veteran actor Richard Murdoch in A Slight Case of Murdoch (Radio 2). It is a conventional mixture of memories of the great, theatrical disasters, and the veneration of second division comedians, but it is lively and well done.

More intentionally solid than Murdoch, but just as sturdy, is Robert Cushman's survey of his 10 years as a theatre critic, First Night Impressions (Radio 4). In the first of the series, he made me wish I hadn't missed McKellen's Macbeth, a performance so steeped in evil that a priest would attend regularly, holding his crucifix to protect not only himself but the actors.

Craig Brown

Soul

Squelchy sensuality

SOS Band Hammersmith Odeon

Suburban cocktail pubs from Uxbridge and Romford must have been deserted as the SOS Band, a 10-piece unit from Atlanta, Georgia, settled into the first of their three London concerts on Thursday evening.

The distinction has been obvious for some years. While the style-conscious readers of The Face were promoting the ironic eclecticism of Kid Creole or rediscovering the aging Curtis Mayfield, the soul boys and girls were locking themselves into the sensual groove of Maze and the frothy pop of Shalamar.

Their producers, Terry Lewis and James "Jimmy Jam" Harris, devised a strain of hyper-romantic medium-slow ballads, heavily dependent on simple sentiments, hypnotic repetition and super-charged arrangements for electronic instruments.

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Richard Williams

Theatre

Fables and frissons in old New York

Wonderful Town Palace, Watford

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The book tells the tale of two sisters hitting town with all the pent-up energy of an upbringing in Columbus, Ohio. Ruth, the brainy one, besieges editors with unpub-



Ray Lonnon and Maureen Lipman

lishable manuscripts. Eileen, the pretty one, wants to break into showbusiness, but finds herself fully occupied in juggling with an ever-lengthening queue of besotted males.

They share central focus throughout the show, with no rivalry but much exhilarating invention. When Eileen (Emily Morgan) at the climax of the first act conga knocks out a slammer, frisson momentarily grips the stage.

over the blasting operations for a new subway, and under a favoured walk of local dog owners. Much passing trade leers in or falls through their window, from the randy clients of the previous occupant, to Eileen's drug-store admirer.

Against this background, Ruth - marvellously played by a perky, unsinkable Maureen Lipman - gets to deliver Bernstein's classic primer on "One Hundred Ways to Lose A Man" (the trick is to show your intelligence), and sits back in a magazine office while the editor and two crestfallen colleagues join chorus in the innumerable ways in which New York squashes hopeful talent.

charge of it and is despatching the inflated constabulary on little errands before they form up to serenade her in a superb pastiche Irish ballad.

When it comes to the plot, you have to go along with the fiction that the editor (Ray Lonnon) falls for Ruth; and that an engagement in the writing depths of the Vortex Nightclub counts as an entry into the acting profession.

Irving Wardle

Concert

Shifts in tone for songs of the sea

LSO/Hickox Festival Hall

Vaughan Williams's Sea Symphony is as vast as its subject and in many respects as unfathomable. If it had a fault it is that there are moments when it is found wanting for sheer dynamism; no matter how big or bold the gesture may be, frequently it seemed strangely inert.

There are, of course, many things that do work, like the wonderful tonal shift near the end of the first movement, or the sudden unaccompanied passage in the finale, at the words "Wherefor unsatisfied soul?" Somehow, for me, the music never quite takes flight as it should and as that of the later symphonies usually does.

Yet it is justly loved for its grandeur and ambition as for those big moments that all choral societies relish. Certainly the London Symphony Chorus delivered it with a genuine fervour as well as remarkable confidence and vitality, and with only the most rare glimpse of that common disease, a weak tenor.

The two solo singers, the soprano Yvonne Kenny, and the baritone Stephen Roberts,

were no less convincing, each a sensitive but suitably heroic exponent of Whitman's powerfully creative, windswept words. Even the hardened players of the London Symphony Orchestra seemed to find a deep pride in the piece as well as an obvious affection.

The intensely private emotions of Mahler's Ruckertlieder, which came before the interval, made a dramatic contrast with such an evocation of natural phenomenon. Here, the mezzo-soprano Ann Murray was a subtly emotive soloist, making "Ich atmet einen Linden Duft" intensely aromatic and "Im Mitwinter" suitably sinister and mysterious, at least until its closing affirmation of faith.

But in the other worldliness of "Ich bin der Welt abhanden gekommen" she excelled herself, her fine control creating a rare intensity of expression.

She was matched all the way by the London Symphony Orchestra's principal cor anglais player, Christine Pendrill, who spearheaded a generally excellent orchestral contribution under Richard Hickox's direction.

Stephen Pettitt

Rock

A bright blast of dynamite

Big Audio Dynamite Empire Ballroom

Following a prolonged stretch of support acts, some members of the audience had already left by the time Big Audio Dynamite took the stage, four hours after the doors had opened. But the mood of impatience was swiftly dispelled as the band swept on, and the punchy dance-rhythm of "Medicine Show" established an instant party groove while Don Letts triggereed an accompaniment of beat-box backing tape and sound-effects; a melée of machine-gun fire, odd voices talking, and snippets of the whistle from The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.

But the revelation was seeing Mick Jones in this new setting. The Clash may have been second only to the Sex Pistols in spearheading the British punk movement, but by the time Jones was thrown out of the group in September 1983, it had become a grim affair indeed. Yet Jones, responding with dignity and imagination, has claimed the last laugh, and, removed from that dull, oppressive environment, he now seems a different man.

One punk discipline which they ignored, to their detriment. Most of the songs went on a little too long but Don Donovan's thoughtful keyboard parts in the mesmerising "E=MC²" and Greg Roberts' unusually agile bass-drum playing in "The Bottom Line" were two examples of the much more sophisticated setting in which Jones is now cast.

David Sinclair

Advertisement for 'Nothing Short of Sensational' featuring Tom Hulce and 'The Normal Heart' by Larry Kramer. Includes dates and venue information for the Albery Theatre.

Advertisement for Persian Carpets Clearance Sale, David Roberts R.A. The Holy Land Prints, and Club Italia Italian in Venice.

Edited by Shona Crawford Poole

TRAVEL

Amid the silent pine and birch forests sliced by vast shimmering lakes, Hilary Finch changes from a tourist to a traveller

From the heart to the Finnish

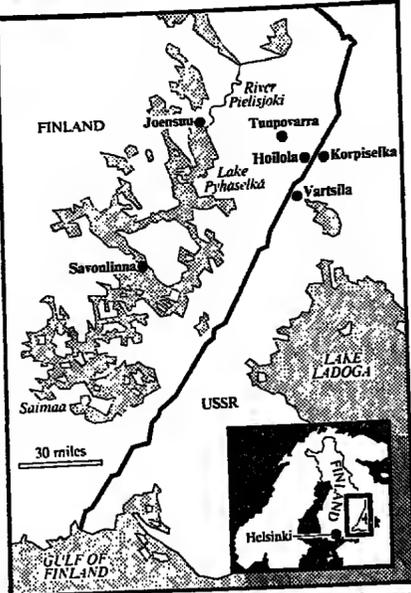
Is Finland a sea congested with islands, or is it one huge forest sunk with lakes? Ten minutes before landing in the heart of North Karelia, the question, and any possible answer, is not a little disconcerting.

Joensuu must be the tiniest airport in the western world: beyond the shed which serves as a cafe, baggage reclaim and ticket office, lies a sturdy lumberjack of a town, less glamorous than its festive neighbour, Savonlinna, but a perfect centre for exploring the land of the Kalevala.

North Karelia in general, and Joensuu in particular, is just the sort of place to make the tourist feel like a traveller once again.

Nothing, except the irresistible flat, spicy pasties, filled with hot potato purée, is handed to you on a plate. The signposts in this land, developed on the very periphery of European political, trading and cultural influences, are all but impenetrable.

The language, stubbornly independent from more familiar European, Scandinavian or Slav root systems, seems to bear no resemblance to anything you've ever seen before. Does the road lead to a castle, a lake or a public convenience? There's only one way of finding out. And when you do, it's all there: museums full of icons, tiny wooden art galleries, boat trips, canoeing, hiking, fishing. You do the



discovering, and every transport connection and service seems to click into place so well. Joensuu presents its curriculum vitae at a glance. A young, virile trading town founded in 1845 where the estuary of the log-thick river Pielisjoki opens out into Lake Pyhäselkä, it is still quietly industrious. Markets, sawmills and steamers bustle on the perimeter of a tidy, sedate residential and university town, planned neatly along the axes of its

houses of the 19th century line up on the right.

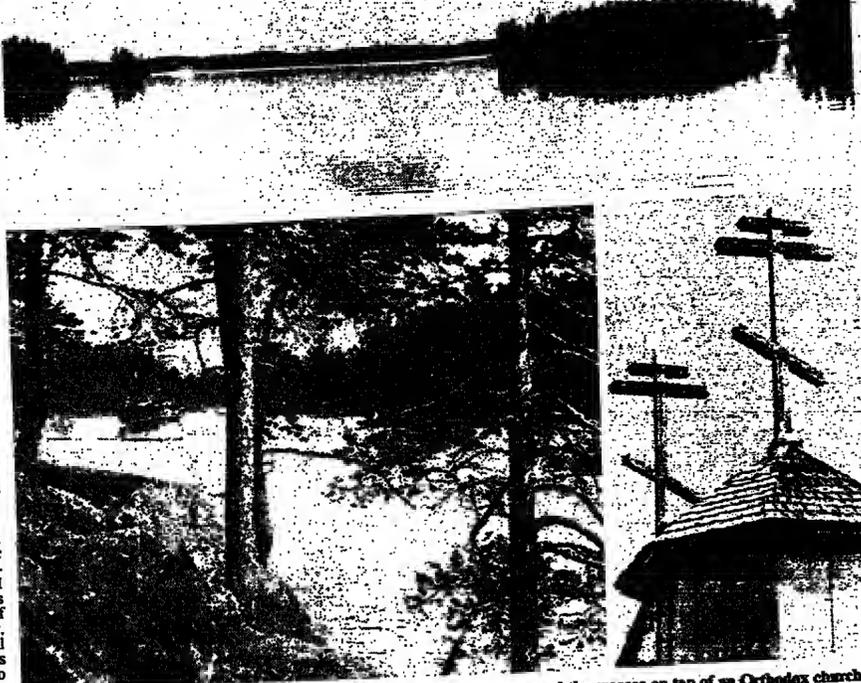
Where the estuary curves into the lake shore and the damp air of the marshy birch woods is heavy with the scent of wild lily of the valley, the Vainoniemi Villa stands like a stage-set for a Chekhov play. A little further on is a massive new open-air stadium, for Joensuu, like any sizeable Finnish town, celebrates the long light days of its short summer with festivals of music, song and street theatre.

Joensuu is at the crossroads of three mapped routes: The Blue Way, the Finnish Lakeland Way, and the Bard and Border Way. With a car, or on one of many planned coach trips, monasteries, lakes and rapids are just minutes away.

Stubbornly sticking out for the longest possible day and fewest possible fellow-travellers, I caught the 7.30am post-bus which trundled in and out of the Bard and Border country, flinging out bundles of mail and newspapers along its route. The Tuupovaara region has all the fascination of any frontier land: Orthodox shrines, cemeteries, old treaches and fortifications are scattered across sparsely populated, gently undulating expanses of forest, lake and agricultural land.

Tourism is still at its teething stage. At Hoilola (ooze shop, one church and a lake) a new centre of holiday flats, built in sweet-smelling wood, opened last June.

Korpiselkä, spotlessly clean and spacious, with a superb restaurant and crafts centre, was built to commemorate a hotel begun three months before the war, across the



Wood and water: the spirit of Finland glimpsed in the tree-lined lakes and the crosses on top of an Orthodox church

Russian border, then abandoned in 1939. The local residents, who have a strong sense of the historical significance of its renaissance on Finnish soil, are eager to do anything, explain anything for you.

Old Karelian farmhouses are being renovated for accommodation and as lived-in museums of folk culture. The nearest you'll get to reindeer may well be the casserole pot, but for ornithologists, there is a bird sanctuary of great beauty at Lake Säpäri in

oearly Varsila and, for walkers, discreetly burgeoning centres of rest and hospitality in acres of space and silence. Jouko Ahti, who runs the Hoilola craft centre, will, for the equivalent of about five pounds, row you out to his fishing boat, Rajasusi (border wolf), to the Russian border, a silet, watery no man's land where Finns, tourists, and Russian sentries now gaze at each other through field-glasses across the still, flat water which oow divides the land of Karelia.

TRAVEL NOTES

Finnair flights, London to Helsinki, from £167 return Super Apex to £500 return Executive Class. A Finnair Holiday Ticket, offering 15 days of unlimited air travel within Finland is available at £250. Prices at the new Korpiselkä Holiday Centre at Hoilola, Tuupovaara, range from about £30 for a single unit to £35 for a double. Dinner in the restaurant from £6.50.

For general and regional information, brochures on farmhouse and self-catering holidays, and a list of operators offering inclusive holidays in Finland, contact the Finnish Tourist Board, 68 Haymarket, London SW1 0JF (01-839 4048). The best modern edition of Kalevala is the translation of W. F. Kirby (Athlone Press £9.50 paperback). This year's Joensuu Song Festival will take place from June 12-15. For a full list of Finland festivals, write to the Tourist Board.

Seasoned reputations on the table

Take recommendations with a pinch of salt, advises Shona Crawford Poole

The embarrassingly bad is even trickier to write about than the sublime. Almost any caustic or intemperate comment will season a cullery sufficiently to banish the thought that it could be advertising, not criticism. A convincing panmire is less easily brought off, and in the case of restaurants, why bother? People do not book tables at places they have never heard of.

That, however, is just the point. The two worst meals I encountered on my recent travels were eaten in places with good reputations. I would not be alone, of course, in quarrelling with the judgement of the gastronomic guidebooks. But it is very disconcerting to be able to find not a single good word for a famous old restaurant that has three rosettes in the new French edition of the Guide Michelin.

There had been no premonition of the disappointment ahead, except, perhaps, that it had been possible to book a table at L'Auberge du Parc Bise at 24 hours' notice. Baby Doc was holed up a long way from Haiti in the hotel next door, on the lakeside at Anney's and a few plum French policemen plodded along the shore carrying machine guns.

To the dining room I counted four men who were recognizably assigned to the Baby Doc story. Door-stepping, as hanging around waiting for people to move or speak is called in this inky business, is rarely done in such comfort. Maybe it was to insure against the "whispering diners' atmosphere which settles in restaurants when they are three-quarters empty, that the staff was loud and ingratiating. The grub when it came was worse than disappointing, it was downright poor.

A full catalogue of the kitchen's failings would make dismal reading. Not one dish that came to the table was really good. Three stand out in my memory as being particularly unworthy of any three star place.

The unsolicited plate of hot one-mouthful savouries that came with the menu looked and tasted as if it had been reheated as if it had been sauced on an escapole of fresh foie gras had congealed even before the dish was served. This dish was quite simply badly cooked and badly presented. And as for a hot lemon soufflé that finished the meal, I am not sure that I could even have identified lemon as the flavouring if I had eaten a

mouthful with my eyes shut. To add insult to injury the staff disappeared before the diners had finished their coffee. It was not 11.30pm. The bill for food alone - one menu at 400 francs, three first courses, three main dishes, and two puddings - was a whopping 1,675 francs. At the exchange rate prevailing in early March that is £176, which could have been justified only if the cooking had been inspired.

Now before my next table of woe, how about a happy discovery. La Maison de Filippo is in the shadow of Monte Bianco, as they call Europe's tallest peak in Entèves, the first village you come to on the Italian side of the Mont Blanc tunnel. Its reputation had travelled by word of mouth. "If you are skiing in Courmayeur you must eat at Filippo's", and with little likelihood of an available evening, I went for lunch.



Mont Blanc: a splendid feast for the eyes at least

The old stone house has pleasant rustic furnishings. Country preserves, salamis, hams, fruit and outs are its decorations and feature again on the flat price menu; 30,000 lire translates to about £13.50. The wine is red, white or pink and it is £3 a bottle.

There were so many interesting traditional northern Italian specialties on the menu that choice is difficult. Decisions made, the waitress laughed and said that everything was offered, and so it was. A plate of prosciutto, thinly cut slices from the middle of the ham and thicker, sweeter ones from the knuckle, arrived with a platter of salamis to cut at the table. Tioy, fresh Tomioi cheese with herbs or paprika replaced the meats, and were followed by silver anchovy fillets, tongue in tomato and caper sauce, pickled vegetables, salads, a bagna cauda of red peppers and cauliflower in oil with anchovies and another local dish of beans baked with pork rind and herbs called cotiche con fagiolo. To complete this cavalcade came a slice of boiled ham with cabbage, wine cured sausage, potatoes and apple sauce.

Dishes passed between the tables with picnic informality. Then there was a choice of pasta. The ravioli served with a little of its cooking broth set an example of simple excellence, and the roast chicken spiked with rosemary which followed was as good as a chicken can be.

I blush to recount that the house ice-cream with honey and hot chocolate sauce was irresistible. In fact the whole experience was such a delight that the recommendation had to be shared, and the following evening I went back.

Ostensibly the deal was no different, but everything had changed for the worse. Filippo's suffers from its own popularity and in the evening crush the same marvellous oeuuvres arrived too thick and fast and in some cases out at all. The choice of freshly cooked pasta was not offered. Dishes of overbaked pasta were plonked down, followed by an unbidden assortment of main courses again in baking dishes.

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TRAVEL

Sails set for sea dogs

John Young tests Turkish waters, accompanied by Brian, an amiable surfing hound

With tourism supplanting travel, holidays have become increasingly predictable. So it was a stimulating change to join a small group on a sailing holiday to Turkey, without any of us having more than an inkling of what it would be like.

As a one-time yachtsman of modest pretensions, I use the word "sailing" rather loosely; all the seamanship was left to a professional crew of three and, although our admirable vessel was equipped with stout main and mizzen masts and an ample supply of red canvas, Captain Nejat showed a distinct preference for the diesel engine as the quickest means of getting from one anchorage to the next. Perhaps "boating" would be a better term.

Turkey has in recent years become an increasingly popular cruising ground. The Anatolian coast, mostly uninhabited rock and scrub,

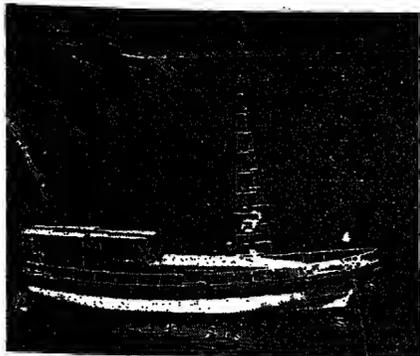
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risers in places to mountainous heights and - indented by thousands of deep water coves - it has all the stark, bright beauty of neighbouring Greece, whose islands nuzzle the Aegean coast.

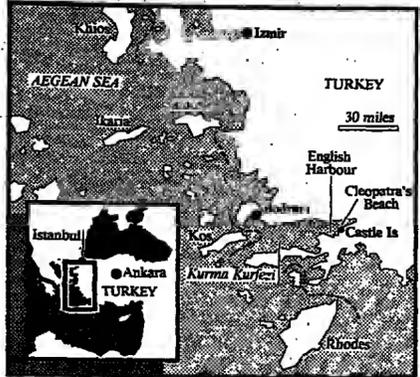
For much of the year there is a steady stream of traffic between the Greek islands and the Turkish mainland, mostly cruise liners and ferries, but also a significant proportion of private yachts. East meets west at dozens of junctures, but suggestions that the whole area must be a smugglers' paradise were met with polite evasion.

Turkey is a revelation in two respects. Unlike Greece, it has not yet succumbed to mass tourism, though I dare say that is only a matter of time; and it boasts a vastly superior cuisine. Our meals, whether cooked on board or eaten ashore in isolated tavernas, were delicious and, thanks to a drastic devaluation of the Turkish lire, unbelievably cheap.

As befits a country at the



At anchor: the gulet, built for comfort, but capable of speed



crossroads of Europe and Asia, Turkey has a split personality. Embarrassed by a history of political instability, the pro-westerners emphasize the country's historic links with Europe. But in the far reaches of the eastern interior, we were given to understand, things are somewhat different; the country is almost wholly Muslim, yet the *mueslin* calling people to prayer appears to have little status in a society which rejects Islamic law and has no scruples about such things as western dress, alcohol and pop music.

One of the centres of the boating boom is Bodrum, also known as Halicarnassus, the birthplace of Herodotus. Its main historic attraction, however, has nothing to do with ancient Greece; it is a huge Crusader castle with a central hall, bedecked in banners and pennants, as if straight out of

medieval England. The town is small, compact, clean and charming.

An increasing number of yachts owned by Europeans who are tired of cold, wet summers, are berthed to Turkey; the owners are willing to forgo weekend sailing in exchange for a month or two in the sun, and hope to defray part of the cost by chartering. But ours was not a conventional yacht; it was a local boat known as a *gulet* and aptly named Lotus. There are dozens of these handsome vessels taking tourists up and down the coast; there is no standard design but they all appear to be ketch-rigged, broad-beamed and with a fairly shallow draught.

Some 60ft long and with an 18ft beam, Lotus can sleep 10 passengers and three crew; in fact we were only six, including our Turkish host, Teo, and

his English wife, plus an amiable sheepdog called Brian. Although clearly designed for comfort, a *gulet* can, I imagine, achieve a fair speed under sail.

But the sight and experience were denied us, since the daily routine was to motor a few miles along the coast, drop anchor and spend the rest of the day eating, drinking, swimming and sunbathing. One day we were under way at Sam "in order to get the journey over with", which hardly seemed quite the purpose of a boating holiday.

But it would be churlish to complain. Apart from a highly dramatic thunderstorm on the second afternoon, we enjoyed idyllic weather.

Our leisurely week took us round the gulf south and east of Bodrum, which according to my atlas is called Kerme Kiritel, and includes a large bay known as English Harbour; it was used as a secret refuge by the Royal Navy during the Second World War. It seemed entirely appropriate that the first person we saw as we rounded the headland was a middle-aged swimmer wearing a Panama hat.

Another day was spent on Castle Island which, besides a

We saw a middle-aged swimmer wearing a Panama

mysterious collection of ancient ruins overgrown with pine scrub, also boasts Cleopatra's Beach, so called because Mark Antony is reputed to have shipped the sand from Egypt for the decoration of his paramour.

Gulets tend to follow each other to the same anchorages, so that we found ourselves in fairly constant company with one full of topless Dutch girls and another full of English Hoorary Henrys who were all right except when they became extremely drunk and began throwing water bombs. Even Brian the dog rather took exception to that.

TRAVEL NOTES

Golden Horn Travel (01-434 1962) can arrange two week cruise packages for between £515 and £699 a person, depending on the time of year. McCulloch Marine (01-452 7505) will charter boats from £862 to £2,277 a week for 6-12 people and will also arrange flights.

EATING OUT

Mouth watering lakeside

Lakeland is a showcase for British food, England's gastronomic Riviera. So what is special about British food? Well, dessert comes before the cheese, and if you are not in your seat by 8.30pm, you are lucky to eat at all.

John Tovey is the Master of Miller Howe, a boarding house on the grand scale above Windermere. His cooking has filled a pile of cuttings albums two foot high with enthusiastic reviews.

Mr Tovey used to run a repertory theatre, and it shows. He plays to packed houses and likens a meal to a five-act drama. Miss the soup and you will never follow the plot. The audience are ushered to their seats together, the lights dim, and the food is served like a pageant. No choice before the dessert. Yet for all the showmanship and fame, there is nothing squeamish: chunky liver baked to a reassuring softness, bacon bits like bullets to the salad.

The star of the show, paraded under the spotlights, is roast leg of lamb. Lakeland lamb is, indeed, so excellent that a *Westmorland Gazette* literary luncheon at Trust House Forte's Old England Hotel quite puts Foyle's at the Dorchester in the shade. Mr Tovey's lamb, beset with seven vegetables, has not a hint of pink. Hung for three-and-a-half weeks, it could possibly kill you with salmonella poisoning if it did.

At White Moss House by Rydal Water, Susan Butterworth recruited Peter Dixon for her parents' kitchen by



Unsuited: Ullswater marrying him. Now patriotic gastronomes say that the best of all British food is served in this civilized retreat. Certainly my meal of Tovey-ish soup, pike and salmon soufflé, crispy mallard with vivid damson sauce, Sussex pond pudding and varied English cheeses with home-made oat biscuits was ample justification for Susan's selection.

Miller Howe, Windermere (096 62 2336). Set dinner at 8pm (or 7pm and 9.30pm), £22.50 inc VAT and service. White Moss House, Rydal Water (095 65 295). Set dinner at 8pm, £15.95 inc VAT. Michael's Nook, Grasmere (096 65 498). Lunch at 1pm, £17.50; dinner at 8pm (or 7.15pm and 9.15pm), £24 inc VAT. Sharrow Bay Hotel, Ullswater (085 98 301). Lunch at 1pm, £17.50; dinner at 8pm, £27.50 inc VAT and service.

Again there is no choice before pudding, service is at 8pm, and if the hotel and neighbouring cottage are full, there are only four spare spaces for casual callers. The wine list is excellent.

According to the *Good Food Guide*, the chef at Michael's Nook (a mansion) above Grasmere is William MacLeod. Egou Roway says it is Paul Vidick. They are both wrong, and the surprising thing is that it does not matter. Proprietor Reg Gifford, sick of seeing his chefs poached as frequently as the salmon, did not vouchsafe a name for the A.N. Other trainees currently in the kitchen. Anyway, the meal was terrific. And I chose it myself. Well, all but the *mulligatawny* soup, I did. My visit coincided with the third return of the West Riding Food and Wine Society, no mean judges evidently.

But the noblest host of Lakeland has to be the patrician Francis Coulson at Sharrow Bay on unsullied Ullswater. Incredibly he is dismissed with a mere red M in the current Michelin. More sensitive than even his finest ingredients (fresh scallops are delivered at midnight) he has suffered cruelly unjust criticism in the past. But this is as close to professionalism as British cooking comes. With twelve in the kitchen the ever-changing menu is magnificent, and you can not only choose what you eat, but be spoilt for choice.

Robin Young

Plaudits on a plate for Park Lane



Charles Wilson (right) presents the award to Rocco Forte

"The excellence of the cooking is awe-inspiring." That was the *Saturday* section's verdict on Ninety Park Lane, the flagship restaurant of Trust House Forte.

Its culinary brilliance earned it *The Times*' Restaurant of the Year Award, and last week Mr Charles Wilson, Editor of *The Times*, presented the trophy to Mr Rocco Forte, Chief Executive of THF.

In our Eating Out column, we reported that "despite the multinational corporation image of THF, their restaurant had a personal touch to it which made it the most enjoyable venue for a treat. Louis Outlier provided the backbone of the menu, but it had been expanded, interpreted and executed by a rising young British chef, Vaughan Archer".

Mr Archer was also at the presentation together with Mr Matt Buccianti, General Manager of Grosvenor House.

DRINK

Winning ways at the sales

MAY WINES

Whatever will those auction rooms think of next? Instead of conducting sales in the dignified and discreet elegance of their plush London sale rooms, they are off gallivanting around the countryside.

Next Thursday there is an important spring race meeting at Newmarket, with the classic 1,000 Guineas Stakes as the highlight of the afternoon. It happens that Tattersalls, the famous bloodstock specialists based in Newmarket, were founded in the same year as Christie's, in 1766, and to celebrate this happy coincidence they invited Christie's to hold a wine sale in the Tattersalls' Sales Ring on a race day.

The auction house has put together a complete package for the whole day, for £55. Starting at 8.15am from 8 King Street, London SW1, it consists of a champagne breakfast, followed by the tasting and wine sale on arrival in Newmarket, then lunch plus the races, arriving back in London at about 7.30pm.

But it is more than a day out at the races; this small 250-lot wine sale has some fine claret vintages on offer, including '89s, '81s, '66s, '70s and '82s, plus some excellent burgundies from Prosper Maufoux sold under the Marcel Amance label. More humble lots are also available including Beaujolais, Loire and Rhône wines.

Having started May with a bang, cost-conscious wine drinkers who still want to celebrate the arrival of spring in style may well like to be reminded of the bargain sparkling wine buy of 1985. I try not to repeat recommendations in this column, but this wine is still so ridiculously good and ridiculously cheap it would be folly not to do so.

I first wrote about G.F. Cavalier Brut three years ago. Since then it has had a name change, from the original Chevalier to Cavalier, due to the Burgundian firm of E. Chevalier & Fils objecting to the similar name. I have also just learnt a good deal more about Caves de Wissembourg, who make G.F. Cavalier.



This streamlined, splendidly-equipped place north of Strasbourg combines the quality of French wine with Teutonic efficiency, for it is German owned. The price has increased only fractionally since 1984 from £2.25 to £2.49 (Majestic Wine Warehouses, Oddings, £2.59), but its quality is still high. G.F. Cavalier Brut is still a fresh, apply and deliciously drinkable wine.

For the most part, the quality of wine from the hot, arid country of Israel is pitifully low. However, the Rothschilds have been involved with the industry since the late 19th century and today almost three-quarters of Israel's wine comes from two impressive Rothschild-donated wineries to the north and south of Tel Aviv, whose wines are sold under the Carmel brand name.

I recently tasted an excellent red, Ein Gedi, from the Samson region of Israel made at the Carmel winery at Richon-le-Zion south of Tel Aviv. This pale crimson, 11 per cent alcohol wine was made from those southern French grapes of Carignan and Petite Syrah, and its light, fresh, raspberry-like fruit makes it a useful spring red. Priced at an extraordinarily low £1.39 from Tesco for the 75cl bottle, it is another May bargain.

Jane MacQuitty

THE TIMES COOK

A healthy shade of spring greens

Shona Crawford Poole stumbles across some seasonal and colourful dishes

Filleting several dozen back numbers of *Vogue* for their cookery articles passed a pleasant evening. Seeing Tessa Traeger's strong and beautiful food photographs spread out on the floor was to be delighted again by her creative eye. Arabella Boxer's words stand re-reading equally well and I dawdled over the job of filing the cuttings.

One recipe which I had not noticed when it was published a few years ago jumped from the page. It was for a *risotto verde*, an uncomplicated dish of rice cooked in stock and coloured with spinach juice. It did not sound all that promising, and I am not sure why I tried it except that I have liked so many of her recipes over the years.

It is a dish to please aesthetes and trenchermen alike and has just the right touch of spring to bridge the awkward gap between winter roots and the first home-grown asparagus.

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Risotto verde
Serves two to four
170g (6oz) raw spinach
30g (1oz) butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 shallots, finely chopped
225g (8oz) arborio rice
750ml (1 1/4 pints) home-made chicken stock
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Extract the juice from the spinach in a juice maker. Alternatively, blend or process it without additional liquid until it is a fine purée, then squeeze out the juice, by wringing the pulp in a clean cloth. Set the juice aside.

Put the butter and oil in a large, heavy-based pot and add the shallots. Soften them in the fat, then stir in the rice. Continue stirring the rice on a low heat while at the same time beating the stock to boiling point in another pan.

Stir a ladleful of hot stock into the rice, and continue stirring it gently on a low heat until the stock has been almost completely absorbed. Add more stock, a ladle at a time, until most or all of it has been absorbed and the rice is almost tender.

Add the spinach juice, stirring until it is partially absorbed as well. Season the dramatically coloured risotto with salt and pepper to taste and serve it at once with a sprinkling of freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

Stirring is an important part of the risotto-making process. The fat grains of arborio rice are rubbed together to produce a creamy sauce in which the rice is perfectly suspended. The risotto should be moist rather than wet, and each grain of rice should offer a little bite of resistance.



Frittata verde
Serves two
3 large eggs
A small handful of cooked, chopped spinach
A small handful of raw, shredded sorrel
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley or mixed herbs
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon butter

Break the eggs into a bowl and beat them lightly. Stir in the spinach, sorrel, parsley, herbs and seasoning. Heat a small omelette pan and add the butter. Pour in the eggs and cook them slowly, without stirring, until they are almost cooked. Finish the frittata by cooking the top under a heated grill. Serve it hot, warm or even cold.

Small warm or cold frittata can take the place of sandwiches on picnics.

A few leaves of tender young spinach or sorrel can also be included in this watercress and pear salad. It is particularly good with rich meats like duck, pork or ham, served hot or cold as the occasion or weather dictate.

Wash and dry the watercress and remove any coarse stems. Arrange it in a serving bowl. Quarter and core the pear,

peeling it if you like, and cut it into slices. Stir these in the lemon juice before adding them to the bowl.

Blend the cheese, milk, oil and seasonings to a smooth creamy dressing. Just before serving the salad, toss the leaves and fruit in the dressing.

With the addition of a few walnut halves and cottage cheese, watercress and pear salad makes a good light lunch.

Fenugreek leaves are used for making *mahi gosht*, one of the best dry lamb curries. Methi, or fenugreek, is also an excellent addition to spinach soup.

Spinach and methi soup
Serves four
2 tablespoons oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 large potato, peeled and chopped
800g (2lb) fresh spinach or 450g (1lb) frozen spinach, thawed
1 bunch methi (fenugreek leaves)
1.2 litres (2 pints) home-made chicken stock
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Chopped chives or spring onion tops to garnish

Heat the oil in a large pan and add the chopped onion. Cook gently until onion is tender, but not coloured. Stir in the potato, washed spinach and methi, and stock. Bring to the boil and cook until the potato is tender.

Purée the soup in a mouli legumes, processor, or by passing it through a coarse sieve. Season it with salt and pepper and serve it hot with a sprinkling of chopped chives or spring onions on top.

Box clever for mini marvels

Not everybody wants a large garden. Nor is it necessary; it is still possible to have a marvellous mini-garden display in window boxes, hanging baskets or free-standing pots.

It is important not to put window boxes on sills that are not big enough for them - and make sure they are securely fixed. Otherwise they may drop on somebody's head.

The same goes for hanging baskets; remember, a window box or hanging basket is considerably heavier when it is watered. Drips from boxes or baskets are inclined to stain, and if left unattended could leave an unsightly mark on the path patio or yard. The skilled gardener will make the containers waterproof and not overwater.

Containers require some time to establish before they are moved out into the open, so they should be made up about now. Most plants used for these situations are half-hardy or have at least been grown under cover.

The secret of success is a good rich soil base to which your plants can grow. New window boxes and hanging baskets can be filled with new compost. Go for soilless compost such as Levington, Arthur Bowers, Verdley or PBI soilless compost. Line the box with compost, plant the specimens and fill in the gaps to ensure the container is well-filled. When watered the compost does not wash away from the root balls.

Boxes which have been used before are a little different. Ideally you should change the compost regularly. Make as good a job as the pocket will manage, remove some of the compost and add fresh compost to improve the quality.

Free-standing tubs, boxes and the other types of container used require the same treatment. A complete change of compost is needed at the



High spot: a hanging basket

end of the year. As for window boxes and the like, do everything possible to make sure the soil is right.

Free-standing containers are filled using the same principles. The compost can be stronger in this case. You should still use the soilless compost, but if required you can make up a John Innes mixture. Always leave enough space at the top of the tub so it can be watered after planting. In a large tub there should be an inch between the top of the compost and the rim of the tub.

Once filled, the containers can be planted if there is shelter and you are satisfied that the plants can stand the weather. Plant now and wear them so that when they do go into their permanent positions they will not suffer. Watering at this time is very important as the plants are at their most vulnerable.

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Before moving to my present address I was always able to grow *Lily of the Valley*, but here I have failed four times. Why?

Lilies of the Valley can be temperamental, but given good conditions there is no reason why they should not grow. The soil should be water retentive but at the same time well-drained; it should also have a high organic content. They will grow in full sun, but prefer partial shade. Prepare the ground well by adding well-rotted organic matter. Plant in short clumps, four to six crowns, in September to October, and do not plant deeply. The point of the crown when planted should be about an inch below the surface. Make sure they do not dry out immediately after planting.

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SHOPPING

How to bring the good times home

Faithfulness to the period is the key to restoring houses successfully, says Beryl Downing

How do you see your rest? You have only to look at estate agents' jargon to realize that attitudes to older properties have changed considerably over the last 10 years — and particularly since the Prince of Wales made us all aware of the carriages in our midst. Period properties are no longer "tastefully modernized". The magic phrase that puts an extra thought on the selling price is "authentically restored".

The problem for most house owners is tracking down the authenticity. Where do you find the right front door, the exact ceiling rose, the banisters, the railings, the window frames and fireplaces that are out too early and out too late for your particular restoration?

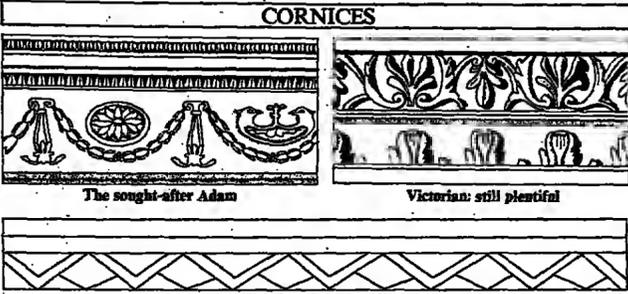
One of the best ways to begin is to join a society which specializes in your period. There is one for each of the main groups — Georgian, Victorian and Thirties — and they offer publications and events each year, including outings to houses and buildings not normally open to the public, lectures, study weekends and walks round historic streets.

The membership fee is modest — about £10 a year, plus the cost of the extra events — so the staffs are small and cannot cope with individual problems. For more detailed advice you need the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

The main concern of its organizers is the repair of historic buildings and they have published several technical pamphlets at £1 each which would help those with less grand projects — damp problems, electrical wiring or



Period perfection: the original Victorian drawing room at Linley Sambourne House



An example from the 1930s

fire prevention, for example — in old houses. There are also two technical secretaries who can give general advice by telephone and a group of 26 architects with specialized knowledge of historic buildings who can give on-site advice. A file of craftsmen whose work is known is also available. It is not necessary to own a listed building to take advantage of the society's expertise.

The organizers are particularly concerned at the moment with agricultural buildings — many good examples worth preserving have shown up in the current re-survey of the country by the Department of the Environment — but they would not turn their noses up at a simple Victorian conversion. It is not even necessary to be a member to consult the society: "We are here for the buildings rather than the

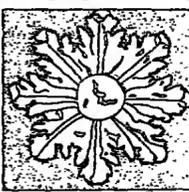
people", its secretary says. If your problem is one of detail rather than structure, you will know how difficult it is to find well documented references. Charles Brooking is the expert to visit to learn about period details; he has a remarkable collection in Guildford of windows, doors, knockers, rainwater heads, fire grates and staircases, all salvaged from important houses which have now been demolished. The collection is purely for reference — nothing is for sale.

An exhibition of his windows representing three centuries of style is on show at the Building Centre in London until May 1.

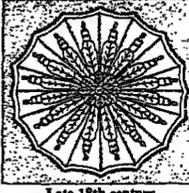
One of the most noticeable trends, according to many architectural historians, is that more attention is being paid to Thirties architecture. Art deco has been fashionable in ceramics, jewellery and furniture for several years, but not until recently has anyone other than a few specialists considered houses of the period worth preserving.

"It is very important to remember that the vast majority of arts and crafts buildings were not very 'modern', says Roderick Gradidge, an architect who has studied the period and is vice-chairman of the Thirties Society. "There are few examples of real arts and crafts houses and the ones that do exist are very grand and very expensive."

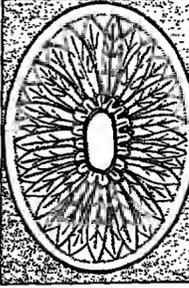
CEILING ROSES



Mid 18th century



Late 18th century



Early 19th century

Advice from the experts

● Dan Cruikshank of the Georgian Group: Use traditional techniques where possible — for example, tack pointing, which was a very fine form of pointing used for embellishment in the late 17th and early 18th centuries.

Never paint outside brickwork. By 1740 London terraced houses were made of grey/brown bricks instead of red and by 1760 cool grey bricks, light cream paint and white Portland stone were popular both in London and fashionable provincial towns like Bath.

Panelling was never used in London terraced houses after the mid-18th century. From 1750 plaster was preferred for wall covering and decoration.

● Ian Grant, deputy chairman of the Victorian Society: Look for the dominant characteristic of the building and go along with it. Keep moulded skirtings.

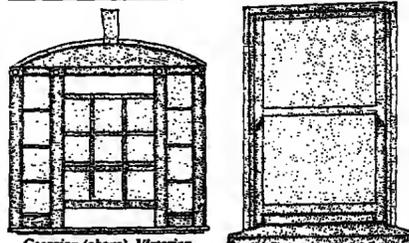
If a builder says something can't be obtained, it means he can't be bothered; go to another builder. There are plenty of craftsmen about.

Never flush doors or fit steel windows or aluminium handles in any Victorian building.

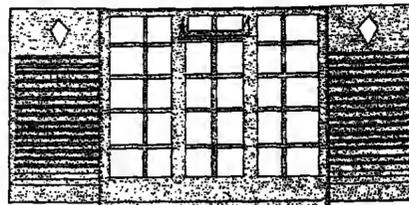
● Roderick Gradidge, vice-chairman of the Thirties Society: In neo-Tudor houses, keep leaded lights, brick fireplaces and beams. Often the beams put into this style of house were genuine old timbers taken from older farm buildings.

Never stick false stone facades on twenties and thirties suburban semis

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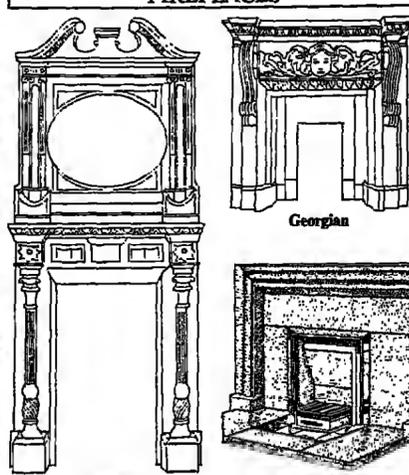


Georgian (above), Victorian



Adaptability in the 1930s

FIREPLACES



Victorian

From the 1930s

ADDRESS BOOK

Charles Brooking, Woodhay, White Lane, Guildford, Surrey GU43 5D4555. By appointment only. The Georgian Group, 37 Spital Square, London E1 01-377 1722. Membership £10 per year.

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, 37 Spital Square, London E1 01-377 1644. Membership £12.

The Thirties Society, 3 Park Square West, London NW1. Membership £10. The Victorian Society, 1 Priory Gardens, London W4 01-994 1019. Membership £10.

Linley Sambourne House, 18 Stafford Terrace, London W8 01-622 6360 is the house most studied by restorers of Victorian properties as it is the most perfect example in both fittings and furnishings. Open Wed 10am-4pm, Sun 2-5pm. Otherwise for groups of 15 or more by appointment.

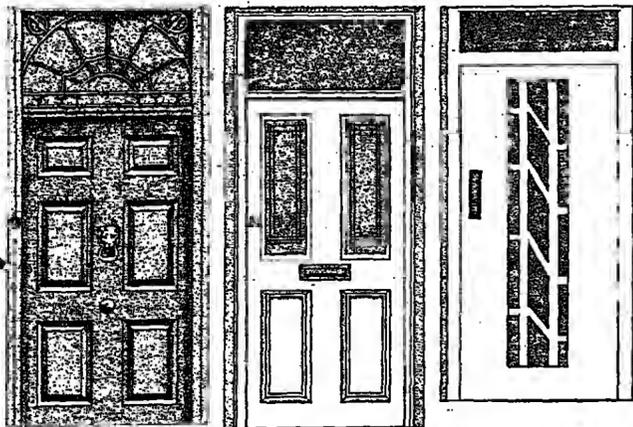
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DOORS



Georgian

Edwardian

From the 1930s

COLLECTING

Pencils to rewrite the history books

The fountain pen was first mentioned by Samuel Pepys who, given that even the excellent *Shorler Pepys* doubles as a doorstop, had plenty of scope for experiment. Most people think of the fountain pen as the apogee of civilized writing technology, betraying a sentimental attachment to letter-writing and ignoring the rich and strange developments in writing equipment throughout the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. The Writing Equipment Society, created six years ago, is the recommended starting point for anyone interested in these arcane collectables.

Gerald Sattin, founder member of the society, has a Charles II travelling scribe's set, not to mention a Gentleman's Writing Companion, the Georgian answer to Filofax. Made by A. J. Strachan in 1810 it has a three-inch ruler, a perpetual calendar, a seal top and a quill holder behind which a lead pencil neatly slides out. Very rare and worth around £1,000, it is fashioned in 18-carat gold. The Charles II example in silver was made around 1670 with a trefoil quill holder that unscrews from the top of the skirted inkwell but can be rescrowed in the base, so the travelling scribe could hold his ink steady in the left hand while writing. All such items are grist to Gerald Sattin's mill, but his real speciality is the propelling pencil.

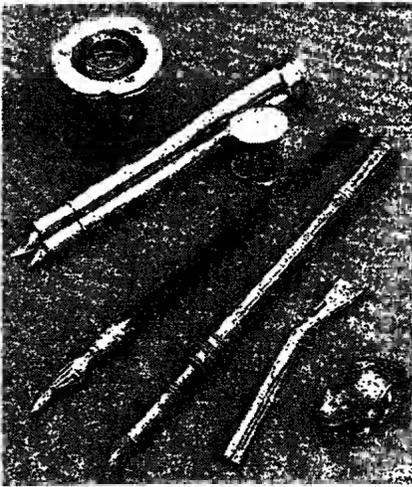
He has devoted his enthusiasm to these objects, both as a private collector and as a dealer at his shop in the Burlington Arcade, London, because — they are not only intricately worked pieces of

silver and gold but also fine examples of engineering. We are indebted to Mr Gabriel Riddle and Mr Sampson Mordan for the development of the propelling pencil which led to the zenith of extravagant novelties in the 1870s.

The patent for the propelling pencil was registered in 1822 and developed in 1823 by Mr Riddle, the engineer, and Mr Mordan, the factory owner. Some of their first efforts were combined with the quill pen so that one slim, exquisite piece of silverwork might produce a quill pen at one end and a propelling pencil at the other.

From the 1840s novelty began to affect the fashion to writing equipment. The Victorian obsession with novelty was combined with exquisite workmanship. Mr Sattin has an early Victorian silver quill holder modelled in the form of a hand, the engraved cuff separated by a gold band, a turquoise ring on the fourth finger and the whole set on an ebony shaft. Another craftsman, Ger-vase Wheeler, fashioned a propelling pencil in the form of a percussion musket. The pencil leads are stored in the butt, the hinge of which is invisible. The pencil shoots out of the mouth of the gun when the notch on the barrel is slid forward.

By 1870 Mr Mordan, having parted company from Mr Riddle, had got into his stride with novelties and became the main English maker. His ingenuity was formidable: a policeman's lantern with the reservoir for the leads in the top and the pencil released by



Write stuff: (from top) a Charles II trefoil quill holder with top and inkwell for the travelling scribe; ebony-shafted pen with quill held by a silver band with a turquoise ring and gold cuff; Gentleman's Writing Companion in silver, with calendar, ruler, seal top, quill holder and lead pencil; propelling pencil whose lead shoots out of the gun's mouth; propelling pencil operated by pulling frog's tail

pulling the base; a silver-gilt frog whose mouth produced a propelling pencil when its tail was pulled; an Egyptian mummy with the pencil protruding from its toes.

The modest propelling pencil is a miniature example of the inventive mechanical ingenuity of the Industrial Revolution. Being rare, the pencils sell at less-than-modest prices: £95 to £800. But as Gerald Sattin says: "They liked to make things that amused people and the beauty of it was that they actually worked."

Victoria Mather

AUCTIONS

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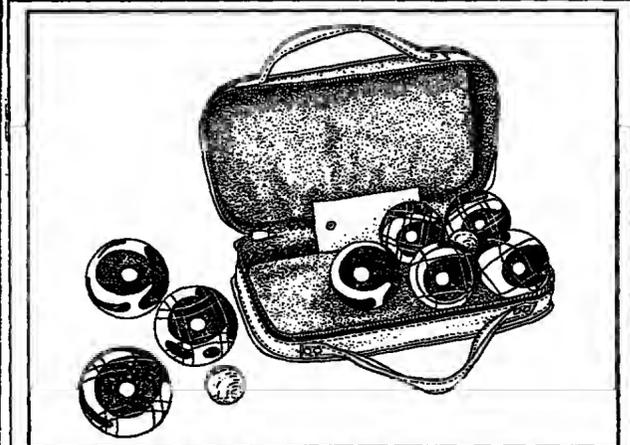
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Rock and Jazz records

REVIEW

Finding the key to exotic lyricism

Lyle Mays (Geffen 924 097/1) 24097)
Dino Saluzzi: Once Upon a Time - Far Away in the South (ECM 1809)
Trevor Watts: Moiré Music (ARC 02)
First House: Eréndira (ECM 1307)

As the keyboardist with the deservedly popular Pat Metheny Group, Lyle Mays knows how to combine jazz and rock in such a way that neither idiom is vandalized.

Mays' first solo album will delight those who treasure the epic soundscapes of As Falls Wichita, So Falls Wichita Falls which he and Metheny devised for the ECM label a few years back.

The album's centrepiece, grandly titled "Alaskan Suite: Northern Lights Invocation, Ascent" starts off at a similar unhurried pace. Soon, though, the careful impres-



Lyle Mays: impressionist painter at the piano

sionism is elbowed aside by Acuna's muscular drumming and by the guitar of Bill Frisell, whose almost hysterically screeching figures play off a meandering melody, bringing a contrasting note of urgency to an otherwise well-mannered record.

The mood of exotic lyricism is maintained by the second ECM album from Dino Saluzzi, an Argentine exponent of the bandoneon, the grown-up squeezebox also favoured by the master of "new tango", Astor Piazzolla. Once

Upon a Time - Far Away in the South sets the evocative wheezing of Saluzzi's instrument against the windswept tones of Palle Mikkelsen's trumpet, the brooding lines of Charlie Haden's double bass and the versatile percussion of Pierre Favre, a combination that turns out to represent one of producer Manfred Eicher's happier notions.

Haden's fondness for flamenco, first spotted in his solo on Ornette Coleman's famous "Ramblin'" in 1959, makes him a natural partner for

Saluzzi, while those who were knocked sideways by Mikkelsen's superbly sensitive playing during George Russell's recent British tour will find their enthusiasm reconfirmed here.

Saluzzi manages the difficult feat of playing quite happily and comfortably alongside jazz musicians without needing to pretend that he is one himself. His unaccompanied reading of the tune Haden calls "Silence", little more than a sequence of pungent minor chords, relies on a talent for dramatic restraint very like the composer's own.

Trevor Watts, the accomplished British saxophonist who worked for many years alongside John Stevens in the Spontaneous Music Ensemble, is conducting yet another multicultural adventure. Moiré Music is the title both of Watts' current 10-piece band and of a debut recording which shows it to be as original in concept as it is in instrumentation (four saxophones, two violins, piano, bass, drums and percussion).

Watts' writing for this ensemble blends the techniques of the American systems composers with the jazz-influenced dance bands of the South African townships to create a series of tightly scored overlapping patterns which provide a basis for improvisation. So exciting is the background, however, that the solos (even Watts' own eloquent efforts) can easily pass

unnoticed - or perhaps on a subtler point, that composition and improvisation are inextricably linked, as being made in these two 20-minute pieces.

First House is a young British quartet led by the saxophonist Ken Stubbs and featuring the peripatetic pianist Django Bates, Eréndira, their first recording, comes with the ECM guarantee of technical quality and shows Stubbs to be interested in creating a highly intense, concentrated form of jazz which is nevertheless quite melodic and perfectly accessible.

Stubbs plays both alto and soprano instruments with a pure but attractively yielding tone; he seems to owe no overriding aesthetic debt to any other saxophonist. His compositions, too, have a quality of refinement that makes obvious technical demands on his fellows, who bring off the many tricky unisons and sudden transitions with impressive brio.

Bates, here performing solely on the acoustic piano, plays a very different role from that of the madcap synthesizer wizard he assumes with Loose Tubes, but the somewhat cloistered air of First House's music encourages an equally rewarding facet of his personality. His three compositions, notably the joyful, willowy "Bracondale", make an important contribution to the success of a delightful album.

Richard Williams

THE WEEK AHEAD

Pomposity on an epic scale

TELEVISION

It is very rare to see a programme so bad as to be laughable, even still when the object of derision is a big budget series with a talented cast. But that is the sorry story of Mountbatten: The Last Viceroi (ITV, tomorrow, 7.45-9.45pm; Mon, 9-10pm and 10.30-11.30pm; Tues, 10.30-11.30pm).

The script is pompous, stilted and risible. Yet the story should be an epic. Lord Louis's lifestyle was flamboyant and the bloody partition of India, the jewel in the crown of the British Empire, a tragedy on an enormous scale.

Mountbatten aims for the look-alike and sound-alike school of historical drama, with potted CSE-level asides on the political, social and economic backdrop. But this translates into clichéd clipped English accents and pained expressions of actors, moving like sleepwalkers.

Mountbatten, written by David Butler who shares the dubious distinction of co-authoring Marco Polo, does boast some distinguished credits: Nicol Williamson as the dazzling plenipotentiary to the sub-continent; Janet Suzman as gaily wife Edwina; Ian Richardson as the blacked-up Hindu leader Nehru and Nigel Davenport as the crusty, cigar-chomping Ismay.

The King of the Ghetto (BBC2, Thurs, 9.30-10.25pm), a modern four-part thriller about Asian oppression in the East End of London written by Farrukh Dhondy, is a lesson in cultural strife, character development and intelligent dialogue.

Tim Roth, as a scarred skinhead and megalomaniac white community activist in flashback, dominates the scenario of the self-contained, interbred Asian entrepreneurs clawing for self-respect and an avenue out of the rotting, exploited ghetto.

Bread (BBC1, Thurs, 9.30-10pm), Carla Lane's new comedy series about a large extended Liverpool family, reinforces the cultural stereotype of the inhabitants of that self-destructive city as a bunch of spongers abusing the welfare state.

Like the inhabitants of the ghetto, they are always looking for a dodgy deal, but they belong to the "state should provide me with everything" moral-sapping school of municipal socialism.

It's a grand week for the elder statesmen of rock music. The formative Velvet Underground are profiled in the South Bank Show (ITV, tomorrow, 10.30-11.30pm); Frankie Valli appears as a moister in Miami Vice (BBC1, Tues, 10-10.50pm); Ian Dury makes his acting debut as a greasy racketeer in King of the Ghetto, while the car-drum-bruising ZZ Top ruin the natural tranquility of Texas in a new series of the once somnambulant Whistle Test (BBC2, Tues, 6-6.50pm).

Bob Williams



Facing a flop: Cooper with Lilli Palmer in Cloak and Dagger

Spy thriller with an ironic twist

FILMS ON TV

Cloak and Dagger, which is being shown on Channel 4 on Thursday (5-7pm), is one of those films that is more interesting for its associations than for its merit. Made in 1946, it stars Gary Cooper, perhaps Hollywood's most popular actor of the period, in his first post-war role. All the ingredients pointed to a substantial box office success.

It was a patriotic espionage drama of the kind that was proving extremely popular with the American film-viewing public. Cooper played a quiet boffin parachuted into Nazi-occupied Europe to rescue a fellow scientist. And the film was directed by Fritz Lang, who, though past his European peak, was nevertheless highly bankable in Hollywood and still capable of evoking extraordinary tension.

It was also the first American film made by Lilli Palmer. Already a well-known actress in Europe, she was in Hollywood with her then-husband, Rex Harrison, when she was told there was a part going for a German actress. "I thought, what better way to begin my American career than in the Gary Cooper picture", she said later. But the experience was not a happy one and the

film was an unexpected flop. The screen-writers of this ultra-patriotic film, Albert Maltz and Ring Lardner Junior, were later to be victims of Senator Joe McCarthy's Un-American Activities Committee, and among the famous blacklisted Hollywood Ten.

And Cooper's role was quite obviously modelled on the character of Dr Robert Oppenheimer, "father" of the atomic bomb, who was himself to be persecuted by McCarthyism.

Cooper became an enthusiastic "friendly witness" to the committee, giving evidence of alleged Communist infiltration of Hollywood. He even made jokes with congressmen members of the committee, asking them whether they could trust a man who had just been voted the least co-operative star in Hollywood. But he was never as virulent as some of his colleagues, and later as a producer, he tried in a small way to make amends by giving work to blacklisted writers.

Cooper was greatly upset by the failure of Cloak and Dagger which, to some extent, marked the end of his pre-eminence as America's box office certainty. Thereafter, only High Noon, made in 1952, came near to reviving his popularity.

Marcel Berlins

RECOMMENDED

How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying (1967): Very slick and cynical look at the morality of American business (BBC2, today, 1.55-3.50pm).

In The Good Old Summer Time (1949): Musical with an appealing Judy Garland as a salesgirl in a music store carrying on a postal romance with the boss she hates (Channel 4, tomorrow, 2.30-4.25pm).

Laughter (1930): Early, funny example of fast-talking

brittle society comedy; a chorus girl meets and marries millionaire, but... (Channel 4, Wed, 2.30-4pm).

The Lavender Hill Mob (1951): Perhaps the funniest, cleverest and most-perfectly scripted Ealing comedy of them all, with Alec Guinness splendid as the quiet clerk turned bullion thief (BBC2, Wed, 6-7.15pm).

Fahrenheit 451 (1966): Truffaut's interpretation of Ray Bradbury's novel of the totalitarian state in which books are forbidden (Channel 4, Wed, 10pm-midnight).

RADIO

ended his days in a seedy boarding house in Hastings. In The Mischief Makers (Radio 4, tonight, 10.30-11pm), several of those who knew him or have written about him wonder whether he was really "the wickedest man in the world", and why his notoriety has endured.

A much quirkier insight into the nature of imperial power is The Emperor In Bath (Radio 4, Tues, 8.30-9pm). This tells the story of Haile Selassie's exile in England from 1936 to 1940, when the

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Prince of rock's uneasy reign

Prince and the Revolution Parade (Paisley Park 925 395-1)
The Beat Farmers Glad 'N' Greasy (Demon VEX 5)
Paul Kossoff Blue Soul (Island PKSP 100)

"Women and girls rule my world", proclaims Prince, who, in Purple Rain, chose to be cast as a singularly unpleasant misogynist, and whose liner notes on Parade twice exhorted the listener to "Love God". The contradictory elements of this enigmatic pop star's personality pervade the music of Parade, the soundtrack for the forthcoming film Under The Cherry Moon.

The album has the qualities one might expect of a soundtrack, with vague, unde-

fined atmospheric pieces such as "I Wonder U" and "Venus De Milo". The jumbled production and idiosyncratic instrumentation, incorporating strings and tooting trumpets, together with odd disembodied voices full of decadent Eastern promise, recall the Beatles' Magical Mystery Tour period of psychedelic decline.

But buried in the package are slick, sparse dance songs like "New Position", "Girls and Boys" and the recent hit "Kiss". This is a sprightly, if patchy, black pop dance record in an uncomfortable, paisley-patterned disguise.

The Beat Farmers have their few moments, but tend to be more interested in bar room rabble-rousing than bod-

room sex, and there is no effete mysticism to be encountered on their prosaically titled mini-album Glad 'N' Greasy. This is a stop-gap collection, following their glorious 1985 debut Tales of the New West, but it continues their tradition of combining rip-roaring roots rock guitar music with healthy bites of off-key humour.

The six tracks on Glad 'N' Greasy do not embrace all The Farmers have to offer, but a surging version of Neil Young's "Powderfinger" and the good time rock 'n' roll of the title track pair off with style against a hick comedy rendition of "The Big Rock Candy Mountain" and "Beat Generation", a drunken parody of Richard Hell's punk

anthem "Blank Generation". Such paeans to a dissolute lifestyle ignore the real tragedies that may befall the weak and unwary. Paul Kossoff, the erstwhile guitarist in Free, was an early victim of rock star excesses, and Blue Soul is a lavishly packaged double album to mark the tenth anniversary of his death.

While he did little of note beyond his work with Free, Kossoff was a player of unusual passion and sensitivity, but with the exceptions of "Oh I Wept" and "The Stealer", this album features none of his best performances. Instead there are out-of-the-way recordings spanning his entire career, including previously unreleased material.

David Sinclair



Enigma on parade: Prince

CHESS

The first champion

would most likely be 4 PxP PxP: 5 B-N5.
1 P-02s P-04 5 M-08 P-03
2 P-01 P-02 5 B-05 P-04
3 P-02 P-02 5 B-05 P-04
10 B-KN5 is more to the point.
12 Q-01 11 Q-02 10-01
13 Q-01 11 Q-02 10-01
14 KR-Q1 looks stronger.
15 B-01 14 B-01 P-02
16 Q-02 17 P-02 18 Q-02
19 Q-02 17 Q-02 18 Q-02
White has been vacillating with no clear strategy in view. Meanwhile, Steinitz has been piling up pressure against White's Queen's Pawn.

a harsh searchlight on the weaknesses in White's camp. Indeed, even 21... NxNf2; 22 BxR, RxB gives Black tremendous compensation for the modest material investment.

Not 29 BxRf? BxR; 30 QxB, Q-Q8ch.
21 K-R2 Q-Q8 30 Q-Q8 Q-Q8ch
22 B-R2 Q-Q8 30 Q-Q8 Q-Q8ch
A neat concluding combination to exploit the shattered nature of White's King's wing.

Or 33 QxB, Q-R8ch, 34 K-N3, Q-N7ch; 35 K-R4, QxBPch; 36 Q-N3, P-KN4ch, much as in the game.
33 K-N3 Q-Q8ch
White resigns.
The finish would be 36 K-R4, Q-K8ch; 37 Q-N3, P-N4ch etc...

Raymond Keene

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 935

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, May 1, 1986. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Farringdon Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, May 3, 1986.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

SOLUTION TO NO 934
ACROSS: 1 Cravat 5 Memoir 8 Esc 9 Fuhrer 10 Radish 11 Peon 12 Entrails 14 Octavo 17 Smear 19 Hindmost 22 Bapa 24 Valise 25 Hazite 26 See 27 Settle 28 Layoff
DOWN: 2 Rouge 3 Versanda 4 Terrace 5 Merrit 6 Media 7 Insular 13 Ram 15 Chicane 16 Vin 17 Satchel 18 Embassy 20 Drift 21 Obese 23 Pilat

SOLUTION TO NO 935 (last Saturday's prize concise)
ACROSS: 1 Pitchblende 9 Uncivil 10 He man 11 Duo 13 Cusp 16 Kneel 17 Unsafe 18 Warn 20 Gene 21 Collie 22 Tact 23 Toot 25 Hem 28 Exude 29 Ovation 30 Herringsbone
DOWN: 4 Hocus 5 Covey 4 Bold 5 Echo 6 Ominous 7 Quick-witted 8 Unrelenting 12 Unfold 14 Fun 15 Ashore 19 Reclose 20 Get 24 Omit 25 Hear 26 Mow 27 Barb

BRIDGE

A costly error that will plague Sharif

The Europa Cup, sponsored by Phillip Morris, has become one of the most prestigious events in the European bridge calendar. Impeccable presentation and prize money of 250,000FF make it a privilege to participate, let alone win.

The entry is restricted to the winners of the National Teams of Four championships. This year 22 teams were formed into five pools to contest the semi-finals. The winner of each pool would join France, the host nation, in the final in Paris. The finalists, in addition to France, were Austria, Israel, Hungary, Denmark and Belgium.

Britain seemed on paper to have a relatively easy task in a pool that contained Ireland, Portugal, and an Israeli team which was certainly not of championship calibre. But indifferent play, combined with some imaginative if unorthodox captaincy, proved their undoing.



Omar Sharif: 'If only'

At the final at the Hotel Sofitel all the competitors were the guests of the sponsor. To add to the occasion, the French Bridge Federation provided "Bridgevision". This method of presenting bridge, first seen at the world championship in Biarritz, enables the audience to see the hands on a giant screen, while video cameras supply live pictures of the players at the same time.

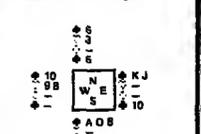
France, represented by a strong team including three world champions, playing on home territory, were obvious favourites. But with one round remaining any one of four teams could still win. Hungary beat France 16-14 to win the contest between the leaders, but Denmark massacred Belgium by 23-7 to overhaul them both. The final order was Den-

mark 90 VPs; Hungary 87; Austria 85; France 83; Belgium 57; Israel 46. In such a close finish there are always innumerable hands that make players say "if only..." I suspect this is the one that plagues Omar Sharif.

1st round, France v Denmark. North-South game. Dealer South.

When Denmark held the North-South cards, the commentator debated whether they would reach the good contract of six diamonds. The matter was not put to the test because some spirited bidding by Chema and Perton for France persuaded the Danes to double three hearts. Although the escapade cost 700, if France could bid the slam they would gain 12 IMPs.

France did bid the slam. Unhappily not in diamonds, but in spades. "If only I had bid six no trumps", moaned Sharif, who was South. "I win the heart lead and give up a diamond. Suppose West continues hearts. I win in hand and I run my tricks, leading to this ending with the lead in dummy:



"East has been forced to come down to two spades to keep his ten of clubs. A spade finesse gives me the remainder of the tricks and a swing of 27 points."

The Danish West kindly pointed out that when in with the OK he would have switched to a spade, breaking up the squeeze. Perhaps he would, but that was small consolation to Omar.

Jeremy Flint

We regret the printing error which marred the second hand in last week's article.

Collins Dictionaries advertisement including 'The Times Bookshop Crossword Competition' and 'Collins Dictionaries Move With The Times'.

A Room with a View advertisement featuring a film poster and showtimes for Curzon Mayfair.

THE WEEK AHEAD



FILMS LEON'S GIRL: Domiziana Giordano stars in Zina (15), a striking British independent feature exploring the tormented life and thoughts of Zina Bronstein, Trotsky's daughter. Gate Notting Hill (01-221 0220), Metro (01-437 0757). From Thursday.



THEATRE COLD STORY: Jeremy Irons with Gillian Barge, Jos Melia, Raymond Bowers and Richard Easton head the cast of A Winter's Tale directed by Terry Hands. Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Opens Wednesday.



BOOKS COASTING ALONG: Lisa St Aubin de Terlan, in her fourth novel The Bay of Silence (Cape, £8.95) writes of strange and steamy goings-on, unusually, not in South America, but at a resort on the Italian Riviera, in Normandy, in upper-class England, and in the past.



OPERA RUSSIAN CONQUEROR: Natalia Troitskaya, Moscow-born, has shot to prominence in the West during the last two years in the Italian opera repertoire. She makes her Covent Garden debut next week singing Tosca. Royal Opera House (01-240 1066), Monday.



CONCERTS SUITE SUCCESS: Leonard Bernstein is celebrated in a festival devoted to him which starts with Lukas Foss conducting the LSO in his On the Waterfront Suite, Hall, Barbican Centre (01-638 8891). Tuesday, 7.45pm.



DANCE THREE STEP: Rosalind Newman's exhilarating, witty and expressive choreography was a hit at the Riverside in 1982. Now she returns to London for one week with a trio of new works. Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916). From Tuesday.

Elaine Paige explains why she is glad to be back on the boards in Chess, starting next week

Playing to win in a hard game

It is raining as Elaine Paige leads her white West Highland terrier, a small placid animal called Tugger, towards the rehearsal studio car park in North London from where her Porsche was stolen two months ago. Suddenly, an agitated Bjorn Ulvaeus appears, his rear passenger window has been smashed and all his car audio equipment stolen. "It's probably the same people," she says wearily. Still, with Chess already booked up solidly until October, perhaps such losses can be borne with fortitude. Earlier, Ulvaeus and his partner from Abba, Benny Andersson, who co-wrote the music to Chess, were to be found wandering around the studio offices nattering in Swedish, as the avuncular figure of Tim Rice, the show's lyricist, passed through on his way home for the night. Newspaper interest in Rice's alleged romance with Miss Paige may have subsided recently, but romantic intrigue continues in this latest musical, set in chess tournament halls and hotel rooms in Italy and Thailand. Paige plays the part of the Hungarian born Florence Vassy, who, while seconded to, and the lover of the American chess champion, falls in love with his Russian opponent. When the musical opens at the Prince Edward Theatre on May 14, it will be two years since the Chess album was recorded in Stockholm, and it has already yielded international hits for Murray Head with "One Night in Bangkok",



Role play: Elaine Paige, who found time to learn the subtleties of chess while she was rehearsing for the show

Her West End debut in 1968, in the chorus of the musical Hair, steered her towards the heart of the Sixties hippie counter-culture, but the experience left little visible mark on the self-possessed career actress. "I look back at that period with very fond memories; it was a good, plentiful time to be 18. We all had youthful ideals, good stuff and all that, but really... rather naive. Time has changed so much for everybody since then." The big change for Elaine Paige came with her selection for the part of Eva Peron in the tremendously successful Tim Rice/Andrew Lloyd-Webber musical Evita. The headlines after her debut performance in 1978 read like Hollywood clichés:

"A Star is Born" trumpeted one daily; "An Instant Superstar" proclaimed another. Her "overnight success" as Eva continued for 20 months until she left the part in 1980. The straight acting part of an Irish murderer, Kate Webster, in Granada's Ladykillers series in 1980, was a departure from musicals that Paige welcomed, but which failed to lead to similar work. "That did absolutely nothing for my career at all, I can't think why," she says, laughing. Since 1980, Paige has also pursued a parallel career as a solo singing artist (she has released five albums with recorded, five albums with live recordings, just to work, and I could relate to her struggle to make a better life and wanting to prove herself." She dismisses as exaggerated hearsay this week's rumours that Madonna is to play the part of Eva Peron in a proposed Robert Siodmak film of Evita.

job. The Times reviewer who referred to "cheap and nasty arrangements" and described her as being "embarrassingly deficient in the basic ability to sing". But with Chess she is returning to the world of the West End musical. "This is what I like best. I'd rather be doing this than playing Elaine singing songs, because in theatre you are playing a character throughout a performance. I approach singing a three-minute song in the same way, but you don't have very long to find the colours and mood. I feel more at home in musical theatre than I do in concert."

David Sinclair Chess is in preview at the Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) from Wed. Opens May 14.

ARTS DIARY

The Bear necessity

The week of Shakespeare's birthday was not a happy one for Sam Wanamaker's Bear Gardens Museum, which stands on the site of the old Globe theatre in Southwark. Wanamaker has long cherished plans to build a new Globe; the museum, with its unique replica of a 1616 stage, has provided performances of Shakespearean work and other, rarer, Elizabethan work, and has kept the flame of the Globe alive while money, planning permission and other major problems were surmounted. But it cannot afford to go on. "The teachers' strike was a contributory factor because we weren't getting the throughput," says the director, Patrick Spottiswoode. "But we also need a new roof." With awesome optimism he hopes that if £500,000 were found, sufficient work could be done to re-open the place. But Wanamaker and his co-directors of the Globe Project are unlikely to be diverted from their main task of building a replica of Shakespeare's theatre, so the Bear Gardens Museum will almost certainly stay closed.

Club mix

The Gröncho Club, the fashionable meeting place for London's literati (well, some of them) is suffering from its early reputation of charging more for dinner than most authors earn in a single advance. It has started a subtle recruiting drive, as well as a club night which fails to recognize John Mortimer: he walks through its doors, for new members to join regularly like Melvyn Bragg and Julie Christie: the club has combined with the Royal Court Theatre to offer the public membership at £100 if they cough up £50 for the English Stage Company. Membership is then guaranteed: it is an idea doomed from the start - meet Royal Court theatregoers, prefer to spend their money on performances, not fat dinners.

Sad about sex

The puritan backlash must be easing off. I am told by gallery owner Jamie Maclean that his exhibition of erotic illustration, "The Forbidden Library", will not be forced to have an age-limit imposed on it when it opens in the West End in June. Last year, when Maclean staged a parallel exhibition of erotica, a QC was employed to vet the pictures before they were hung and no-one under 18 was allowed in. The most hostile reaction was from an ageing spinster critic who examined each picture and left, muttering over her shoulder: "They don't look as though they're enjoying themselves, do they?"

Seeing red

More moving still than Vladimir Horowitz's reunion with another Russian - his concert at the Moscow Conservatoire was televised last weekend - was the concert they didn't show. Horowitz became aware that a very large proportion of the seats in the concert hall were being taken by the Politburo. So he opened up his rehearsal to underprivileged Muscovites. I am told by one witness: "Musically it was the greater event."

Christopher Wilson

What did Katherine Hepburn say that made Anthony Hopkins change his life? Why doesn't Britain have a world-class orchestra? Is the Bolshoi, due here in July, worth queuing all night for? These questions are answered in a very different magazine launched this weekend. It's the first to cover the arts and entertainment in colour every week. But that's not all that makes it different. It's elegant, but it's also practical. From cover to cover, it's easy to find your way around. Reviews of the latest plays, films, records and books reach clear conclusions. The same goes for concerts, television, dance and art. Previews tell you about forthcoming events in plenty of time to book. And the full listings guide is national. This magazine is called Review. It's at your newsagents from April 25, price £1 weekly.

CONCERTS SEGOVIA'S SIXTIETH: Celebrating the anniversary of his London debut, playing pieces he included in his first Wigmore Hall guitar recital, Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). Today, 7.30pm. ESCHENBACH/LPO: Christoph Eschenbach conducts the LPO in Berlioz's Carnival Overture, Chopin's Piano Concerto No 1 (James Toocoo, soloist) and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191). Tomorrow, 7.30pm. MOZART/MAHLER: Mozart's Symphony No 38 is juxtaposed with Mahler's Symphony No 8 by the Hallé Orchestra under Stanislaw Frej Trzaska Hall, Manchester (061 834 1712). Thurs, 7.30pm. JUDD/LPO: Mozart's Nozze di Figaro overture, Schubert's Symphony No 6 and Beethoven's Symphony No 8 are all played by the LPO under James Judd. Stephen Hough is soloist in Mozart's Piano Concerto No 21. Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-628 8705). Thurs, 7.45pm. THEATRE IN PREVIEW LA CAGE AUX FOLLES: Award-winning musical about middle-aged male lovers who own and run a nightclub. Arthur Laurents directs George Hearn, Dennis Quilley. Palladium (01-437 7373). Fraenleys today, Mon-Fri, May 3. Opens May 7. TROILUS AND CRESSIDA: Anton Lesser and Juliet Stevenson in the title roles. Barbican (01-628 8795/638 8891). Previews Thurs, Fri, May 3. Opens May 6. In repertory.

OPENINGS SHADEY (15): Unsympathetic in bizarre comedy, with Anthony Sher (above) as a misfit who captures thought on film. Screen on the Hill (01-435 3368). From Fri. A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG): The Merchant-Ivory version of an early E.M. Forster novel offers the expected virtues and virtues: elegance, civility, bloodlessness. Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). THE MAN WITH TWO BRAINS (15): Inventive and truly bizarre comedy from Steve Martin and director Carl Reiner, parodying mad scientist movies. ICA Cinema (01-930 3647). GALLERIES OPENINGS GUERCINO: Drawings by the 17th-century Italian master. Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford (0865 512651). From Tues. GARDEN FESTIVAL: Display of 100 sculptures by contemporary British artists. National Garden Festival, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire (0782 289788). From Thurs. SMITH BROTHERS: Celebration of three 18th-century brothers: George, John and William Smith from Chichester. Pallant House Gallery, 9 North Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex. (0243 774567). From Fri. ALFRED GILBERT: Sculpture, monumental and minute by Victorian who made Eros. Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052). DANCE SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Gala premiere of David Bintley's The Snow Queen at Birmingham, Mon, also Tues-Thurs; then mixed bill of Les Sylphides, Prodigal Son and Elza Synopation (Fri and May 3). Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 6043). ON TOUR: London Contemporary Dance Theatre is at the Demarge, Northampton (0604 24811) tonight and the Theatre Royal, Newcastle (0632 322061) Tues-May 3. mende Wed. London Festival Ballet is at the Liverpool Empire (051 709 1555) today. OPERA ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: On Wed at 7pm, the second performance of the run of Busoni's morality play, Faust. Thomas Allen takes the title role. On Mon and Thurs at 7.30pm Smetana's folk opera, The Bartered Bride; on Fri, also at 7.30pm, Die Fledermaus with Janice Cairns, Nan Christie and Ryland Davies; and tonight and Tues at 7.30pm two last performances of The Merry Widow with Valerie Masterson. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-838 3161). SCOTTISH OPERA: A new season starts with a new production by John Cox of Le Nozze di Figaro, opening on Wed at 7.15pm. György Fischer conducts. Matinee performance on May 3 at 2.15pm. Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041 381 1234). ROCK AND JAZZ PAUL BRADY: The spunky Irish folk-rocker's new album, Back to the Centre, shows him to be ready for the major league. Tonight, Queens Hall, Edinburgh (081 688 2018); Mon, Southport Arts Centre (0704 40011); Tues, Riverside, Newcastle (0632 614388); Wed, Irish Centre, Leeds (0532 480613); Thurs, Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal (0539 25133); Fri, International, Manchester (061 224 5050).

PHOTOGRAPHY ROBERT DOISNEAU: The French master of documentary street photography has turned Parisians into stars in their own city. Institut Français, 17 Queensbury Place, London SW7 (01-569 6211). A DISTANT PROSPECT: Aerial photography from the birth of the medium to space flight. Allen Gallery, Abon, Hampshire. For ticket availability, performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed. Concerts: Max Harrison; Theatre: Tony Patrick and Martia Cropper; Films: Geoff Brown; Galleries: Sarah Jane Checkland; Dance: John Percival; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams; Photography: Michael Young; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse

Handwritten note: John is wild

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 25: The King and Queen in attendance, left Windsor Castle this morning upon the conclusion of the State Visit to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh...

Passover's message of freedom

This week, Jews throughout the world are celebrating the festival of Passover, which commemorates the Exodus from Egypt, symbolizing freedom and emancipation of those who are presently enslaved.

For third world theologians, the Exodus is an account of the liberation of oppressed peoples, and using that framework they believe it is possible to understand the plight of those who are now afflicted.

OBITUARY DAME HONOR FELL Advances in cell biology

Dame Honor Fell, DBE, FRS, who died on April 22, aged 85, was one of the most remarkable biologists of this century. The youngest of nine children, Honor Bridget Fell was born on May 22, 1900.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. D. H. Davies and Miss J. R. Brook The engagement is announced between Tristan, son of Brigadier and Mrs P.R. Davies, of Coombe, Wiltshire, and Julia, younger daughter of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs R.L. Brook, of Rectory Court, Meonstone, Hampshire.

Marriages

Mr J. S. Stude and Miss D. J. England The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs P.W. Stude, of Lapworth, Warwickshire, and Diana, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs N.H. England, of Radyr, Cardiff.

Luncheons

Restaurants Reuters Holdings plc's annual luncheon took place yesterday at Merchant Taylors' Hall. The hosts were the Chairman, Sir Christopher Hogg, and the directors, Mr Donald B. Anderson, Mr J.A. Burnham, and the managing director, Mr P.W. Gibbins.

Dinners

International Law Association Lord Wilberforce, Chairman of the Executive Council of the International Law Association, presided at a dinner held at the Athenaeum yesterday.

Schools

Bedford School Summer Term at Bedford School began on April 24 with 1,110 boys in the school. Confirmation will be conducted by the Right Rev. D.J. Farmbrough, Bishop of Bedford, on May 4.

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Richard Cave, 74; Mr Edward Cazalet, 82; Sir John Chayden, 82; Mr David Coleman, 60; Sir Gordon Downey, 58; Mr J.C.B. Gosling, 56; Professor J.C. Holt, 64; Major-General Harry Knutton, 65; Professor Wilfrid Mellers, 72; Sir Oliver Miller, 83; Mr Richard J.E. Morpurgo, 68; Mr Peter Schaufuss, 37; Miss Kathleen De-Anne Stark, 30; Professor J.R. Sutherland, 86; Major-General Sir Leslie Tyler, 82; Mr Morris West, 70; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Worthington, 83.

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

PARSONSON On April 23rd at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Margaret White and Oliver. A brother for Flora.

Deaths

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His skill as a translator of Russian poetry brought him international fame. Helped by his adored and adoring wife, Princess Natasha Bagration, whom he married in 1944, he succeeded, with fidelity and realism, in rendering into English the rhythms and spirit of Pushkin's Eugene Onegin (1977).

AIR CDRE A. P. REVINGTON

Air Commodore A. P. Revington, CB, CBE, who died on April 21 at the age of 84, had a distinguished RAF career which stretched from the establishment of the service to the Berlin Airlift.

Fourth Sunday after Easter

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BRISTOL Road, Bristol. 8.30 AM. 11 AM. 6.30 PM. Rev. Canon R. J. M. Hill.

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'Clean TV' Bill talked out

By Sheila Gunn Political Staff

The Bill to clean up television collapsed in the Commons yesterday through the determined opposition of a small number of MPs.

The failure of the Obscene Publications (Amendment) Bill to finish its report stage and get its third reading means it has virtually no chance of becoming law.

Its sponsor, Mr Winston Churchill, Conservative MP for Daventry, vowed to continue his campaign to abolish the exemption of broadcasting authorities from prosecution under the obscenity law.

He and Mrs Mary Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, have not ruled out the possibility of government legislation.

Yesterday's debate was marked by a demonstration in the public gallery and attempts by Miss Clare Short, Labour MP for Birmingham Ladywood, to include in the Bill a ban on page three pin-ups.

Five young women were taken out of the public gallery shouting "violence against women" and "ban page three". They also threw pamphlets into the chamber before being grabbed by officials and led off.

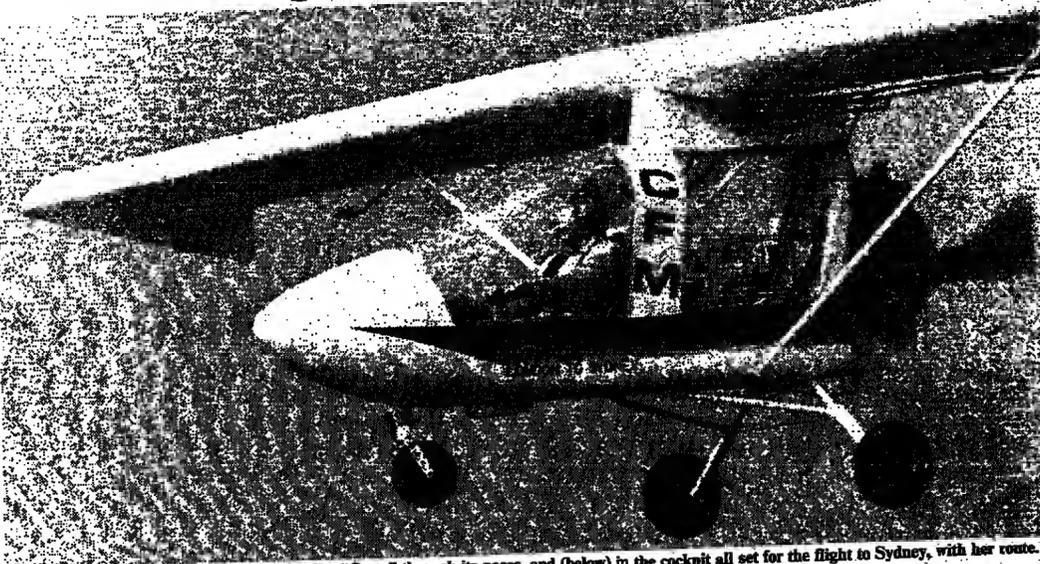
Miss Short protested that her amendment to ban nudes in newspapers or pictures or half-naked women in provocative postures was not chosen for debate. Her Bill, with the same aim, had made no progress.

Mr Churchill used various parliamentary tactics to try to stop his Bill being talked out.

Last night, Mr John Whitney, director general of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, said: "We welcome this full debate and we could all learn lessons from it. But let us also remember all the positive benefits that British television gives us every day."

Parliament, page 4

In the flight path of Amy Johnson



Miss Eve Jackson putting her 331 lb microkite "Gerty" through its paces, and (below) in the cockpit all set for the flight to Sydney, with her route.

At noon today, weather permitting, Miss Eve Jackson, aged 28, will climb into the tiny cockpit of her British-designed aircraft "Gerty" to set off on the world's first London to Sydney microkite flight.

The aviatrix, from Thame, Oxfordshire, faces a lonely 13,000-mile endurance test aboard her two-seater monoplane, which weighs 331 lb. She will carry a special survival kit, spare parts and an extra fuel tank.

The first leg, from Biggin Hill airfield, Kent, to Calais, is one of 63 flying stops planned on the flight, which is expected to take between four and six months. The route crosses 21 countries.

Miss Jackson, who will be following in part the route of Amy Johnson, said of her flight: "Above all, it is a British feat, using a British-designed and built plane. We are flying the flag."

She has invested nearly £60,000 of her own money in the adventure because no principal British sponsor came forward, although 14 companies are supplying equipment, technical assistance, and some of the trip's expenses.

She said: "This is the first London to Sydney microkite flight. I am not afraid of the hazards or being enclosed in such a tiny plane. Three years of hard work and planning have gone into this flight."

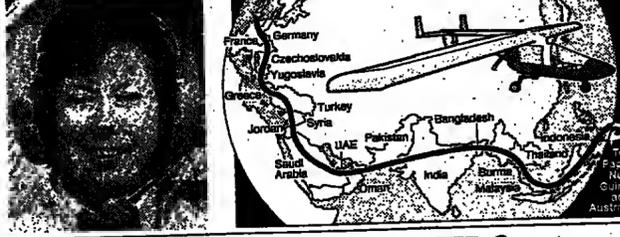
"I thrive on challenges; this is the ultimate flight in undoubtedly the best aircraft available. But I need more sponsors for the final leg of the trip."

Miss Jackson, a former cook, waitress, factory worker and shop assistant, learnt to fly with the British Airways Flying Club at Booker, near her home, five years ago, and wants to become a full-time pilot.

"Gerty", her Shadow Series B monoplane, will cruise at a maximum straight and level speed of 95 mph, covering an average distance of between 150 to 425 miles a day.

The aircraft's designer, Mr David Cook, managing director of CFM, Metfield, a Suffolk company which also built the plane, said the aircraft leads the world in microkite performance.

Mr Cooke, aged 45, was the first person to fly across the Channel in a fixed-wing hang glider, in 1978.



EEC package will aid UK farmers

Continued from page 1

cial factor in reaching the compromise after four days of negotiation.

Meanwhile, British beef and sheep farmers can breathe more easily for another year after the ministers' decision to put off any changes to the Community's support system for livestock. The variable beef slaughter premium, paid only to British farmers, has been retained at least until the end of the year.

The premium is paid to make up the difference between what farmers can get

from the market and the target set for beef prices by the EEC.

Ministers threw out a proposal to cut the price of butter by 4 per cent while increasing the price of milk powder and cheese. This proposal was also intended to reduce the attraction to dairies of selling butter into EEC stores.

Some proposals of the European Commission made earlier this year were adopted, although in a modified form.

Farmers will be offered the chance to volunteer for government schemes to buy up their milk quotas. But if not

enough apply, compulsory schemes will be introduced over two years from April 1987.

The most controversial question of all — the production tax on cereals — which Mr Jopling felt discriminated against British farmers, was agreed in a way that at least partly satisfies British fears.

A spokesman for the British National Farmers' Union said yesterday that the agreement was better than expected, but was not likely to "make farmers jump with joy".

Leading article, page 9

Letter from Tripoli

All prisoners of the colonel

At the bottom of Green Square, you can find the Green Bookshop. A little further down Omar Mukhtar Street is the Green Boutique. Cut right into the old Souk and you come across the Green Supermarket.

Yards of shelving lie empty. The only items on display are tea, powdered milk, condensed milk and shaving cream. The man on the checkout desks says: "Yes, we stock everything."

Just then a woman enters, cowed in a white chador. "Do you have cheese today?" she asks.

The man raises his eyebrows and clucks his tongue in the negative point. Everything, of course, is painted green.

Reporters' notebooks are filled up with things like this. Yes, we have no bananas.

There are certain points of reference here that remain constant: the Ottoman clock behind the port, the magnificent city walls, the old Catholic cathedral which has been turned into a mosque.

There are the old men near the Roman gate who bewail the loss of days when there were no bread queues, when "people were in charge", when women were more modest.

The argument of the authorities, of course, is that the people are in charge; so any sacrifices that have to be made — due to falling oil prices and over-expenditure on arms — are "willingly borne".

Just who is in charge is an issue which no one debates. The people of Libya are still led to believe that it is Colonel Gaddafi, revolutionary thinker and desert tribesman, the "world leader", as television news broadcasts here describe him — who has just added a new name to the country.

'No government, only the people'

Wandering around Tripoli, one is constantly reminded of that old British television series, *The Prisoner* in which Patrick McGeehan played the role of a man — "prisoner No. 4" — confined to a fanciful Welsh coastal town, where brass bands played afternoon tea but whence any attempt to escape was assurance that one was always free to leave.

Telephone a government ministry in Tripoli to ask for a reaction to a White House statement, and the voice at the other end snarls: "There is no government — only the people."

There is even a brass band, dressed in green, which plays at political demonstrations, it amazes its way through half-Italian marches, stomps passed the empty shops to Green Square but still has about it that ill-defined quality that makes it all captive.

"Which hand is this?" I asked the other day. A be-whiskered trumpeter replied: "Where did it come?" From the people.

Now it is the "Great Arab People's Jamahiriya" to commemorate the victory that most of the world regards as a Libyan defeat — the American air raid of April 15.

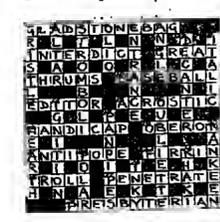
It is the desert, almost Bedouin side of Gaddafi that most outsiders ignore, the man whose first accusation after the raids was that his tent — his pathwork, multi-colored Arab tent — had been attacked by the Americans; a leader pointing out the indignity done to his tribe.

His ignorance of President Reagan and his tribe perhaps brought all this about, mixed in, of course, with the diluted socialism and semi-Marxist version of Islam that the colonel has grafted on to his desert society.

It is this contradiction which has trapped Libya and which makes all who live here his prisoners.

Robert Fisk

Solution to puzzle No 17,024



Solution to puzzle No 17,029



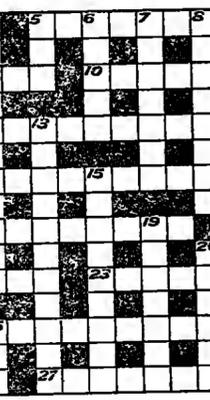
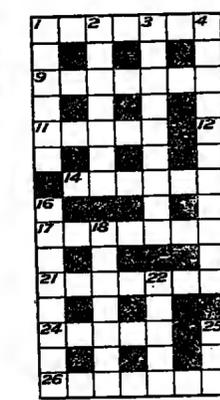
The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,030

A prize of The Times Atlas of World History will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, Box 486, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Paul Lusby Taylor, 32 Turpin Road, Newbury; Berke Mrs S. Philcox, Hartstone Cottage, Horns Oak Road, Harvel Meopham, Kent; Miss E. M. Reynolds, 7 Northbrook Road, Swanage, Dorset.

Name _____

Address _____



ACROSS

1 Roman general appears stupid to us (7).

2 High land showing up on radar, perhaps (7).

3 Delects scores (9).

4 Nobody can be expected to wait for this (4-7).

5 Flier in front of Jumbo, say (3).

6 Shaw copes with switch of directions (5).

7 US transport signal helps TV speaker (7).

8 Fish fit for a Poet Laureate (8).

9 Actor subtly to exploit workers left inside (9).

10 Ancient city of Lancastrians, presumably (5).

11 Artist gets odd letters from (2,5).

12 Accords we arranged make one immune to attack (6,3).

13 Revolver blazing away in acrobat's tum (9,3).

14 Revolver blazing away in acrobat's tum (9,3).

15 Hardened by exposure, came safely through (9).

16 Avoids mountain route to some runs (8).

17 Royal house's employed porters in Northern tourist area (9,5).

18 Very heavily revolutionary movement (7).

19 Set off to trudge into river (7).

20 Stars put up with intital disapproval from audience (16).

21 Thick-skinned type in place of Augustine (5).

22 The section of Yard that's cut crime (5).

23 Correct to change into second gear (7).

DOWN

1 Critical point in Atlantic run, chaps (6).

Today's events

Royal engagements
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attend the 40th anniversary reunion of the Burma Star Association at the Royal Albert Hall, SW7, 6.45.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, attends a concert in aid of the Edward Box Memorial Trust, Birmingham Town Hall, 7.25.

New exhibitions
North American Indian Exhibition of arts and crafts; Millfield House, Silver St, N18; Sat and Sun 11 to 5.30 (ends 27 April).

Sculpture for the Garden; Harlow Car Gardens, Oley Rd, Harrogate Mon to Sun 9.30 to 7.30 (or dusk), (ends September 30).

Modern Art from Wolverhampton; Cooper Gallery, Church St, Barnsley, Wed to Sun 10 to 5.30, Tues to 5.30, closed Mon (ends May 25).

Impressionist drawings, watercolours and pastels; Athenaeum Gallery, Princess St, Manchester, Mon to Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6 (ends June 1).

Tomorrow's events

Royal engagements
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, reviews The Burma Star Association's Annual Commemorative Parade on Horse Guards, when takes part in the Association's Ceremony, the Cenotaph, Whitehall, SW1, 11.45; later, as Trustee of the Prince Philip Trust Fund, he attends a Royal Variety Show at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, in aid of the Trust and the Bud Flanagan Leukaemia Fund, 7.20.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Scout Association, attends the review of The Queen's Scouts, the Quadrangle, Windsor Castle, 2.15.

Music
Concert by the Kent County Youth Orchestra; Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1, 3.15.

East Music Concert; The Arts Centre, Bampton, 7.30.

Gardens open

P - plants for sale
TODAY AND OTHER DAYS
Dorset: Wimborne Botanic Gardens, Wimborne; collection of plants that have become rare in cultivation; research into hardiness of rare species, mainly Australian trees and shrubs; they not Mon-Sun except Bank Holidays 10 to 5 p.m.

TOMORROW AND MONDAY
Sussex: Cooke's House, West Burton, SW of Pulborough, 1m from Roman Villa at Bignor; medium sized garden, spring flowers, herbs, topiary, 2 to 5 p.m.

TOMORROW
Northants: Parcival Hall Gardens, Wellingham College, Appleton, 12m N of Sibton, off B6200; 20 acres, fine trees and shrubs; 10 to 5 p.m.

Tues
Trent: Trentside between Wingfield, crossroads and Farleigh Hungerford; 15 acres, shrubs, herbaceous, lily, iris, garden, conservatory, 10 to 5 p.m.

Surrey
Culham, Windsor Vale Rd, Henchard, off A257; 10 acres, large rock garden, shrubs, ground cover, bulbs; 2 to 5 p.m.

Wiltshire
Metherwood House, Skipton Road, Mley; unusual garden, 6 acres, shrubs, bulbs, herbaceous, stream, water garden; 2 to 6 p.m.

Wiltshire
The Manor House, Little Easton; 2m NW of Dunsmore, W of B194 (previously A102); spring flowers, spacious grounds; open 10 to 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Hertfordshire: Glendonick, Perth, 2m Garscote, 14m Dunsmore, 8m Perth, on route, ABS, world famous collection of cactuses, rock-roses, and other interesting plants, well garden; nursery; 2 to 5 p.m.

In the garden

This is the latest spring in the garden many can remember.

Gardeners still have to sow seeds in the open as the ground has been too wet to draw out a drill. Those with heavy soils have not even been able to dig and manure their vegetable plots. They will have to be content with forking the ground lightly and working in compost, top manure or other organic matter and be prepared to apply soluble feeds during the growing season.

The summer flowering climatis, all those in the Jackmanii group, should be pruned to about 18 to 24 inches from the ground.

Conifer hedges which may not have been pruned last summer, may be clipped back.

Many bamboos look as if they have been killed by the frosts. If so, they should be cut to the ground and they will almost certainly produce new growths from their roots.

Many honeysuckles look dead. Leave them for a week or two but if the top growths really dead cut it back, and expect new shoots from below ground.

Anniversaries

TODAY
Births: Eugène Delacroix, painter, Charenton-Saint-Maurice, France, 1798; John James Audubon, naturalist and artist, Les Cayes, Haiti, 1785.

Deaths: Bjornstjerne Bjornson, poet and dramatist, Nobel laureate, 1903, Paris, 1910; Carl Bosch, chemist, Nobel laureate, 1931, Heidelberg, Germany, 1940; Edwin Pratt, poet, Toronto, 1964.

TOMORROW
Births: Mary Wollstonecraft, writer and advocate of women's rights, London, 1759; Herbert Spencer, philosopher, Derby, 1820; Ulysses Grant, general and 18th President of the USA 1869-77, Point Pleasant, Ohio, 1822; Edward Whymper, artist and mountaineer, London, 1840.

Deaths: James Bruce, explorer of the Nile, Raab, Shropshire, 1794; William Mervin, actor-manager, Cheltenham, 1873; Ralph Waldo Emerson, Concord, Massachusetts, 1882; Kwame Nkrumah, President of Ghana 1960-66, Bucharest, 1972.

The pound

	Bank	Bank
	Boys	Girls
Australia \$	2.21	2.07
Austria Sch	24.39	25.16
Belgium F	71.90	65.10
Canada C	2.20	2.10
Denmark Kr	12.82	12.70
France F	1.36	1.29
Germany DM	11.08	10.34
Italy Lit	226.00	218.00
Japan Yen	122.00	117.00
Netherlands Gld	3.51	3.27
Spain Ptas	166.00	155.00
Portugal Esc	201.00	191.00
South Africa R	4.30	4.00
Sweden Kr	2.46	2.30
Switzerland Fr	1.29	1.22
USA \$	1.59	1.50
Yugoslavia Dnr	540.00	500.00

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Retail Price Index: 981.5
London: The FT Index closed up 8.8 at 3257.2

Roads

The North: A66 "Modification" of Tompess Ln junction of Leeds outer-ring road causes several delays at peak periods. A66: Traffic lights and severe delays at peak periods at Harrogate Rd and Green Ln, Rawdon, Leeds. M16: Widening scheme between Junctions 4 and 5, Barnsley, Leeds. A64: Single lane traffic at N Denside Rd, Barnsley, Leeds. A64: Single lane traffic at N Denside Rd, Barnsley, Leeds. A64: Single lane traffic at N Denside Rd, Barnsley, Leeds.

Portfolio Gold

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below today's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 24).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
1st	+4	+4	+2	+3	+7
2nd	+5	+4	+3	+2	+2
3rd	+5	+6	+3	+3	+3
4th	+3	+3	+6	+4	+3
5th	+3	+4	+4	+1	+5
6th	+2	+5	+5	+3	+4
7th	+4	+6	+1	+2	+2
8th	+7	+5	+3	+1	+3
9th	+6	+8	+4	+2	+1
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40th	+5	+5	+4	+2	+1
41st	+6	+5	+3	+5	+5
42nd	+10	+5	+3	+1	+1
43rd	+7	+5	+3	+3	+3
44th	+8	+5	+2	+3	+2

Lighting-up time

TODAY
London 6.45 pm to 5.11 am
Bristol 6.55 pm to 5.21 am
Edinburgh 6.11 pm to 5.09 am
Glasgow 6.38 pm to 5.13 am
Penzance 6.03 pm to 5.36 am

TOMORROW
London 6.47 pm to 5.09 am
Bristol 6.55 pm to 5.19 am
Edinburgh 6.13 pm to 5.07 am
Manchester 6.01 pm to 5.11 am
Penzance 6.04 pm to 5.34 am

Yesterday

Temperature at midday yesterday: C	F	Wind: direction, force
Birmingham	10.50	Force 4
Bristol	10.50	Force 4
Cardiff	10.50	Force 4
Edinburgh	10.50	Force 4
Glasgow	10.50	Force 4

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Weather forecast

A depression near Iceland will move slowly SE and its associated fronts will approach NW areas of the British Isles. Another area of low pressure will move N over France toward SE England.

6 am to midnight

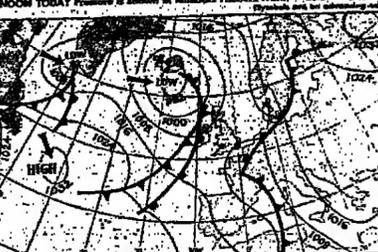
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Around Britain

Region	Forecast
East Coast	Sunny with some light rain
South Coast	Sunny with some light rain
West Coast	Sunny with some light rain
North	Sunny with some light rain
Scotland	Sunny with some light rain

Abroad

Country	Forecast
USA	Sunny with some light rain
Canada	Sunny with some light rain
France	Sunny with some light rain
Germany	Sunny with some light rain
Italy	Sunny with some light rain
Spain	Sunny with some light rain
Japan	Sunny with some light rain



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High Tides

Location	High Tide	Low Tide
London	6.15	1.45
Birmingham	6.15	1.45
Manchester	6.15	1.45
Edinburgh	6.15	1.45
Glasgow	6.15	1.45

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Toy firm's £5m buy

Cowan de Groot, the toy and giftware distributor, has made an agreed £5.1 million offer for Chart Fookles Lynch, a company running professional tuition courses for accountants.

Oil prices drop as strike is called off

World oil prices fell yesterday after the strike which stopped the flow of oil from Norway's North Sea fields for 20 days was called off.

Dee package

Dee Corporation, the supermarket group, has sold a package of freehold properties to Heiron Property Corporation for an undisclosed sum.

Pay-out hope

Staffordshire Potteries, which is fighting a £14 million takeover bid from the Coleridge home furnishings group, has told shareholders to expect dividends of at least 5p for the year ending June 30, 1987 - 25 per cent up on the current year forecast.

Citibank cut

Citibank Savings has reduced its mortgage rate from 11.95 to 10.75 per cent. This applies to both repayment and endowment mortgages.

Bids received

Martin Ford has confirmed that it has received a number of bids after being put up for sale last month. These are now being studied by its merchant banker, Singer and Friedlander.

Application day

Application lists for Top Drugstore, referred to yesterday, open on May 1 and dealings start on May 9.

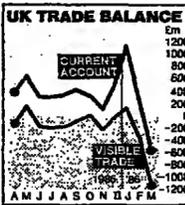
CLAYTON, SON AND CO (HOLDINGS): Total payment for 1985 7p (6p). Turnover £10.96 million (£13.47 million). Pretax profit £622,000 (£681,000). Earnings per share 17.9p (19.8p).

SILVER: The chairman, Mr David Abell, says in his annual report that prospects for 1986 are encouraging and in the current year to date the company's performance has been well up to expectations. The accounts reveal that Mr Abell's salary more than doubled in 1985, to £205,729 from £94,713 in 1984.

Worst ever trade deficit at more than £1 bn

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain had a trade deficit of £1,138 million last month, easily the worst on record. The current account was in deficit by £538 million, also the largest ever.



Imports were cancelled out by a fall in oil imports. All the other main categories of imports rose strongly.

The value of oil exports slumped by £360 million as oil prices fell.

But that was only one of several reasons for the unexpectedly poor trade figures. Manufacturing trade deteriorated sharply - mainly because of a sudden rise in imports - and the deficit was a record £786 million.

The visible trade deficit of £1,138 million represented a worsening of £800 million compared with February's £338 million deficit.

Until those figures were published, the largest monthly deficit on record was £874 million in October 1984.

Exports fell by £454 million, or 7.3 per cent, to £5,733 million, the lowest total since July 1984.

Apart from the £360 million drop in oil exports, chemicals also fell, by £77 million, probably because of the

pound's stronger performance during the month.

The volume of exports hit a peak in the second quarter of last year and has since been moving erratically around a somewhat lower level.

In March export volume dropped by 6.2 per cent. In the first quarter export volume was down by 1.4 per cent compared with the fourth quarter of last year.

Imports, in contrast, moved up strongly last month, rising by £347 million, or 5.3 per cent to £6,871 million, the highest since April last year.

A rise in the value of imports of the so-called erratic

items was cancelled out by a fall in oil imports. All the other main categories of imports rose strongly.

Imports volume was up by 3.3 per cent, although it fell by 1.4 per cent in the first quarter compared with the fourth quarter of last year.

Department of Trade and Industry officials said that trends for both exports and imports were difficult to determine at present.

The main official concern over the figures is likely to focus on the fact that the decline in the oil surplus - to £397 million last month from £685 million in February and £997 million in January - is not being offset by an improvement in manufacturing trade.

In fact, manufacturing is deteriorating at as rapid a rate as oil trade. Only invisibles - including the monthly abatement on the 1985 European Communities budget - are improving, with the surplus estimated at £600 million a month.

A spokesman for the Treasury said yesterday that one

month's figures should not be taken in isolation and that the official forecast of a £3.5 billion surplus for this year is being maintained.

In the first quarter the current account was in surplus by £863 million, although that included a large one-off abatement on the 1984 EEC budget.

The Treasury expects a manufacturing trade deficit of £3 billion this year. However, in the first quarter alone the deficit was £1.4 billion.

While Britain's trade performance hit record lows last month, West Germany's trade was in near-record surplus, improving to Dm4.4 billion (£2.5 billion) from Dm6.84 billion in February.

Germany is enjoying the twin benefits of a cut in the oil import bill and strong manufacturing exports, although - like Japan, it could come under pressure at the economic summit in Tokyo next month to expand domestic demand to reduce the surplus.

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Abandon ADR tax says Reuters chief

By Our City Staff

Reuters chairman, Sir Christopher Hogg, yesterday called on the Government to abandon the 5 per cent stamp duty on American Depository Receipts (ADRs) proposed in the Budget.

Reuters, with a number of other companies whose shares are traded in the United States in ADR form, has already protested to the authorities about the proposed tax, which Sir Christopher said would make US acquisitions more expensive and impose an unwelcome penalty on Reuters' expansion in North America.

The financial information and news group has already bought Rich, the Chicago-based maker of dealing room terminals and is to take a minority stake in Instinet, whose share-dealing systems it markets outside North America.

Sir Christopher also told the annual meeting yesterday that Reuters was expecting excel-

Building societies to merge

By Alison Eadie

A merger is planned between the Bradford and Bingley Building Society and the Yorkshire Building Society, they said yesterday. It will create Britain's seventh largest building society, behind the Leeds Permanent and ahead of the National & Provincial.

At present the Bradford and Bingley is the ninth largest society, with assets of more than £4 billion and the Yorkshire the thirteenth, with assets of nearly £2 billion. The combined group will be called the Yorkshire Building Society.

The two societies have head offices five miles apart, allowing scope for rationalization particularly in computer systems. A guarantee of no staff redundancies for three years has been made to Bradford's 1,973 employees and Yorkshire's 1,159 employees.

The combined society will have 400 branches - 250 from the Bradford and Bingley and 150 from the Yorkshire. There is an overlap in 64 places and the volume of business in some of the duplicated sites could justify maintaining two branches, according to Mr Geoffrey Lister, the chief executive of the Bradford and Bingley.

The new management structure will be shared initially between both societies with Mr Lister and Mr Denis Macnaught, of Yorkshire, acting as joint chief executives. Mr Macnaught will retire in next year, leaving Mr Lister as the sole chief executive.

The total number of buildings societies has fallen from 190 at the end of 1984 to 164 today due to a series of mergers, most of them involving small societies merging with larger ones.

The largest merger so far was last October's tie-up between the Alliance and the Leicester, creating the Alliance & Leicester, now the fourth largest society.

A potentially larger merger between third-ranking Nationwide and fifth-ranking Woolwich, which would have created a society with assets of £15 billion, was called off last November.

Woolworth to spend £150m on expansion

By Our City Staff

Woolworth Holdings, which is fighting off a £1.53 billion bid from Dixons Group, yesterday announced a £150 million expansion and redevelopment programme.

The money is being spent on the Woolworth chain, Comet electrical stores, B&Q do-it-yourself stores and property developments. It will be spent on a mixture of new openings, relocations and refurbishments.

A total of £43 million will go towards Woolworth, £14 million to Comet and £25 million to B&Q. The rest will be spent on property. The expansion will provide an extra 1.7 million square feet of trading space, Woolworth said.

The long-awaited offer document from Dixons is expected early next week. It is expected to concentrate on Dixons management skills and the proven retail formula.

The meeting also elected the Mirror Group publisher, Mr Robert Maxwell, and Sir Richard Storey, chairman and chief executive of Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers, as directors.

Bonn rates 'may fall'

West Germany (AP-Dow Jones) Herr Karl Otto Poehl, president of the West German central bank, said yesterday that he sees the possibility of lower West German money market rates in the "middle term", despite the central bank's decision on Thursday not to lower its key lending rates.

The discount and Lombard rates stand at 3.5 and 5.5 per cent.

Herr Poehl said the scenario for a discount rate cut was not right in view of the situation on Europe's capital markets.

Liquidity has been very tight on the Frankfurt money market after the realignment of currency parities in the European Monetary System.

Budget a 'lost opportunity' to tackle unemployment

By Our Economics Correspondent

The Charter for Jobs yesterday accused the Government of failing to tackle the problem of the long-term unemployed. In evidence prepared for the Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee, the Charter describes last month's Budget as a lost opportunity.

The Charter for Jobs was set up a year ago as an all-party pressure group concerned with unemployment. It has become established, with its sister organization, the Employment Institute, as both an expert source and a lobby group.

But in the important areas of policy it has succeeded so far only in influencing MPs, not the Government itself.

To the evidence published yesterday it called on the Government to carry out the recommendation of the Commons Employment Committee, of a job guarantee for the long-term unemployed within the next three years. This omission was the most dis-

appointing aspect of the Budget, the Charter said.

It is a widely held view that the Government's reluctance to take the Employment Committee's advice is based on Treasury parsimony, and that Lord Young of Gramham, the Secretary of State for Employment, welcomed the recommendation.

However, in a long and detailed reply to the Employment Committee, published on Thursday, Lord Young criticized the committee's recommendation and defended the Government's approach to the long-term unemployed.

The Employment Committee recommended a building improvement programme to provide 300,000 new jobs a year, 100,000 extra temporary jobs in the National Health Service and the social services, and a wage subsidy to employers taking on the long-term jobless.

The committee costed the proposals at a net £3.3 billion

but, according to Lord Young's response, the actual cost is likely to be more than £4 billion.

Lord Young also said that the building programme was impracticable because it would take work from the private sector, that the NHS could not easily cope with extra untrained workers, and that devising a suitable job subsidy which would need to cover £50,000 jobs - would be virtually impossible.

He accepted that the long-term unemployed were "particularly disadvantaged", but said that the Government's approach "will provide much more cost-effective help directly to long-term unemployed people".

Mr Jon Shields, director of the Employment Institute and Charter for Jobs, yesterday called Lord Young's response "nitpicking and repetitive".

"The basic points that the committee was trying to make have not been answered",

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Day dawns in time for BL rethink

Graham Day, who formally joins BL as executive chairman on Thursday, will be taking over a strikingly different organization from the rump he must have expected to run at the time of his appointment.

Even Land Rover is now back in the BL park though its future remains deeply unsettled. Unipart and the heavily loss-making Leyland Bus are in the departure lounge, the latter still booked for an imminent painful exit. Mr Day's first big decision?

Ironically the process of privatizing Unipart, by undoing the special relationships with other BL subsidiaries, has made it look much less inspiring: profits were down from £14 million to £6 million last year.

To make matters worse, the recent turmoil has exacerbated senior management problems that the new chairman might have met in some form anyway. Ray Horrocks, the executive director responsible for cars and Unipart, has stuck his neck out as far as it is possible to go by suggesting that he was passed over for the chairmanship for daring to oppose the mooted Ford deal. He probably feels in need of repairing his image and his fences. Mr Horrocks's counterpart on the Leyland and Land Rover side, David Andrews, has similarly distanced himself from the BL body by his prolonged leave of absence to promote the Land Rover buyout. That was rejected not merely by Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, but more embarrassingly by his boardroom colleagues, some of whom always refused to believe that Land Rover was capable of standing on its own.

Since Mr Day, as full-time executive chairman, replaces part-timer Sir Austin Bide, it may be thought that these happenings make it easier to remove a layer of management that is now redundant. The history of

BL is plagued by the axing or voluntary departure of able deputies rejected for the top jobs. As a direct result, management has consistently been too stretched to cope with all the businesses at once.

If Mr Day has inherited a much bigger job than expected, he is now short of the one thing he really needed and demanded - a clear brief from the major shareholder and provider of funds (HMG). Mr Day himself should take a major part in working out a new strategy. The fast solutions have disappeared and it would be better to give the businesses a rest from the headlines and a little stability while policymakers go back to the drawing board.

Merely keeping the old privatization strategy but delaying it could add election uncertainty. A possible alternative approach might be through BL's bizarre financial structure, a leftover from its rescue (BL was never nationalized).

Successive share issues to the taxpayer have reduced outside shareholdings to a fraction of 1 per cent of BL's capital, but the stock is widely held and actively traded of late. After a relapse to 40p per share, the stock market values BL at a astonishing £1.7 billion.

That is not a meaningful figure for BL without government guarantees. But the existence of the quotation does offer the possibility of a different kind of creeping privatization, that would give Mr Day internal freedom to make collaborative deals, sell further subsidiaries, or merge businesses into joint companies with the single aim of constructing a version of BL that can survive without government guarantee.

When that is possible, the Government could move to full privatization by cancelling some of its share capital or loans in exchange for removal of its guarantee.

New round in tin crisis

The evidence given to the Commons select committee that looked into last year's collapse of the tin market was finally published yesterday, giving some intriguing pointers to the next moves in the game being played out between the International Tin Council and its disparate collection of creditors.

The settlement Standard Chartered Bank reached with the ITC this week has left the council with precious little in hand with which to settle other claims, which in any case enormously exceed the resources left at the ITC's disposal when its buffer stock manager ran into trouble last autumn. The focus now shifts to the 22 governments supposed to stand behind the ITC.

The evidence presented to the select committee reinforces its criticisms of these governments. Ironically, although the British

Government made the greatest effort to whip the 21 others into an agreement to honour their obligations, it is now the most exposed. For since the London Metal Exchange is in London, the creditors' easiest and cheapest course of action is simply to take the British Government to court.

But then the British Government is not only the most vulnerable; it also, in the wider sense, has the most to lose.

The London Metal Exchange has been badly bruised by the tin crisis, and it is in the interests of its host government to help it back to health. Probably, the Government could avoid trouble by quite a modest out-of-court settlement - perhaps less than half the £50 million it offered as its contribution to an ITC agreement. The creditors could then use this settlement as a lever under other obstinate governments.

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Table showing New York stock market data like Dow Jones, S&P 500, etc.

WALL STREET New York (Reuter) - Wall Street stocks edged higher yesterday in early trading, with IBM again leading the active.

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Price fall threatens oil firms' asset values

Oil companies are likely to begin making provisions for a drop in the value of their oil and gas assets this year if the oil price does not improve dramatically.

The impact of lower oil prices on these assets and the accounting treatment will vary across the industry. Not all oil companies report quarterly, but for many, the next reporting date is their quarterly results on March 31.

Tricentrol is one of the few companies to provide shareholders with an estimate of the impact of falling oil prices on its assets.

In its report for the year to December 31, the company shows the discounted present value of its oil and gas reserves assuming an average 1986 oil price of \$18 per barrel and a \$1.45/\$1 exchange rate.

On a 15 per cent nominal discount rate, which is roughly equivalent to a 10 per cent real discount rate, the present value is \$432.6 million, before petroleum revenue tax.

After deducting PRT, the present value falls to \$305.2 million. This is below the \$315.5 million book value of its oil assets.

Included in the valuation are probable reserves valued at \$80.9 million using the same discount factor. However it must be the case that at current oil prices, a proportion of these reserves will not be economically viable.

Sometimes, when ceiling tests are applied, the worth of the assets is worked out before PRT on the basis that exploration costs will relieve the company of having to pay the tax.

In 1986, the industry is so squeezed that exploration programmes are being cut back to the minimum, which means that the tax shelter disappears. Indeed, Wood Mackenzie and Co, the stockbroker, has forecast that even

at \$20 oil, Tricentrol will show a cash flow deficit in 1986 of £28 million - hence the need to sell the Amethyst gas field for £30 million.

Much depends on the assumptions used in making these valuations. A lower discount factor will give a higher value, while more up-to-date oil prices and exchange rates will give an even lower value.

The oil price is very volatile at present, and no one is suggesting that the industry provides for loss of value in assets based on the end March price which was one of the lowest ever. But the time is fast approaching when some recognition of what is happening in the marketplace will have to be made in the accounts.

Geers Gross

Shareholders found little to comfort them in yesterday's figures from Geers Gross, the advertising agency. It is still not clear how the company will get round its fundamental problem, which is that it makes low profits on a huge turnover.

In 1985 it made £813,000 before tax, despite sales of £129 million. On that basis the return on sales was only 0.6 per cent, far less than the return achieved elsewhere in the industry. For example, Abbott Mead Vickers made 2.9 per cent on turnover.

Profits fell from £1.83 million to £813,000, mainly because of the loss of a highly profitable account for ESPN Cable Network in the United States.

The company has succeeded in winning enough new business to replace that account, in volume terms. But the new accounts are much less profitable.

Geers Gross says, however, that staff cuts and other overhead reductions have saved £1 million a year, which should help profits this year.

Meanwhile, shareholders have to wait for the publication of the annual report and accounts for details of the balance sheet.

At the end of 1984 the company had net borrowings of £22 million against shareholders' funds, net of goodwill, of only £2.9 million.

In the interim the multiple of nine times prospective earnings, assuming a recovery to £1.8 million before tax, with the shares at 74p is high enough.

Housebuilding

George Wimpey's claim to have topped Barratt Developments from the top of the housebuilders' league has caused quite a stir in the industry. While the majors affect indifference to absolute numbers, preferring instead to talk of prices and margins, they are nevertheless gearing up to challenge Wimpey.

In 1985 Wimpey sold 9,700 houses, up from 9,100 the previous year. Barratt sold 8,700 houses last year and Tarmac, the third contender, probably sold 8,000. C.H. Beazer, which took fourth position after acquiring French Kier, will probably sell 5,000 in the year to June 1986.

In the present year competition for number one spot could be tough. Wimpey plans to increase output by only 600 houses or so, but Barratt's is recovering to between 9,000 and 10,000 with Tarmac not far behind. All three will be competing with the do-it-yourselfer, who builds 10,000 houses a year.

The overall number of private houses completed will, however, be little changed from last year, at about 150,000, but favourable conditions - notably the availability of mortgages and lower interest rates - will help profits. All the majors are increasing their average selling price, not just by raising margins but by moving upmarket.

Mr Adrian Goddall, of the stockbroker Laurie Millbank, suggests there will be a move away from London, where the greatest profits are now being made. He says that because the fall in interest rates is national it gives a disproportionate boost to the regions, where prices have not risen so quickly. That should help builders like Wimpey and Barratt, who have plenty of sites out of town.

Barratt is the purest housebuilder of the majors but there are still doubts in the City about the extent of its recovery.

Caution rules as rally peters out

The market ended the two-week account on a subdued note yesterday. An early rally soon petered out with investors still sensitive after this week's sharp shakeout in share prices.

Thursday's disappointing first-quarter profits from ICI, a record trade deficit for last month, the financial year-end for at least three leading jobbers and the unwinding of speculative positions caused by soured takeover activities were all given as reasons for caution.

The FT 30-share index finished at 1,357.9, a modest 9.9 rise, while FT-SE 100 rose only 7.1 to 1,622.6.

The undertone was steady enough, illustrated by the number of firm features among secondary issues, mainly on bid hopes.

The Government stocks managed improvement of an 1/4 or so, encouraged by the continued strength of sterling, prompting the view that another fall in interest rates was not too far away.

Properties turned mixed and builders lacked decisive trend, but small engineering

groups were wanted after the recent state of bids. Among leaders ICI at 917p picked up 3p of Thursday's 15.4 loss that followed the figures after touching 930p in early dealings.

Boats rose 7p to 262p on vague takeover talk but other stores presented a gloomy picture with Gas A down 20p to 1035p and Woolworth 20p lower at 820p. Courtalds recovered 5p to 264p and Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds at 341p up 6p was supported by press comment.

Hotel shares were still worried by the threat of a fall in tourism due to the Libyan situation. Trusthouse Forte fell 4p more to 165p.

Oils were overshadowed by Sheikh Yaman's warning of a \$10-a-barrel spot price and the lifting of strike action by Norwegian workers.

However, one or two small exploration stocks did well with Conroy Petroleum 12p higher at 55p.

Among engineers F H Thomkins jumped 18p to 31-p on hopes that the company will be successful in its acquisition of Pegler Hattersley. Williams Holdings at 675p recovered nearly all of Thursday's 25p fall.

Sweetley at 471p and Reuters 443p improved 8p after their respective optimistic annual statements.

Blue Circle added 5p to 666p in front of next Tuesday's results. Barratt gained 6p to 148p as mortgage rates declined. APV at 550p gave back 6p as the company rejected the approach from Slesbe 10p better at 895p.

Advest shares were strong at 240p up 15p after recent figures while Delta Group put on 10p to 250p on reports of a bid from BICC.

Firmer Electronics featured Unitech up 12p to 260p but profit-taking cut 10p from Amstrad at 314p. Hopes of US takeover activity boosted Wedgwood 23p to 341p and Christie International 7p to 350p.

Lex Service Group was another firm spot at 394p up 20p. Chart Foulks shares were lifted 28p to 118p following bid terms from Cowan de Groot.

Thursday's newcomer D Y Davies followed 3p more to 180p following news of a Guildhall contract. Beaton Clark at 208p and Metal Closures at 157p were speculative favourites to rise 13p and 6p.

Fading bid hopes left European Ferries 3p down at 149p. Satisfactory results supported Sunlight Service at 205p and Geers Gross at 74p both up 2p.

Associated Heat Services climbed 15p to 450p awaiting bid developments from CGC of France.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns for EQUITIES, RIGHTS ISSUES, and COMPANY NEWS. Lists various companies and their share prices.

Paul plans Indian share sale

By Clare Doble

Mr Swraj Paul, the chairman of Caparo Industries, is negotiating the sale of his shareholdings in two Indian companies, Escorts and DCM.

He plans to inject the proceeds, which are expected to be £11 million, into Caparo Industries, which is quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

Mr Paul bought the shares three years ago but the two companies refused to register them. The courts ruled in his favour but he nevertheless decided to abandon his challenge to the Indian business establishment.

The money will be held initially by Caparo Group, Mr Paul's private company which owns 75 per cent of Caparo Industries. He intends to use the money to maintain control of CI.

Caparo Industries plans to make an acquisition for between £20 million and £30 million in the autumn.

COMPANY NEWS

- WM BOUTLON GROUP: Half-year to Dec. 31, 1985. No ordinary dividend and the preference dividend due on April 30, 1986, will not be paid. Turnover £3.78 million (£9.37 million). Pretax loss £428,000 (loss £465,000). Loss per share 1p (loss 1.1p).



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Groans as well as sighs of relief after the will

INHERITANCE TAX

Accountant JACK HARPER believes pension benefits could be put in jeopardy by the new rules for inheritance tax.

One of the most unwelcome features of the new inheritance tax is "the gift with reservation". Property given away that falls foul of this rule is treated at the time as any other gift (so tax could be charged if the gift is not made to an individual outright or to an accumulation and maintenance trust).

But if the donor dies without having relinquished the reservation the property (or property representing it) is treated as remaining in his or her estate and is taxed at the death rates (with credit for any tax paid earlier on the lifetime transfer).

The concept is taken from State duty, with some modifications. It caused a lot of trouble and its demise on the introduction of capital transfer tax (which did not incorporate it) was greeted with relief. Corresponding groans have accompanied its unpleasant renaissance.

A gift is subject to reservation if, and as long as, either possession and enjoyment of the property is not bona fide assumed by the donee or it is not enjoyed to the entire exclusion, or virtually to the entire exclusion, of the donor and of any benefit to him by contract or otherwise or by "associated operations".

The Chancellor intended to stop arrangements for having your cake and eating it. For example, where a house is given but the donor continues to reside in it, where a settlor of a discretionary trust is also a beneficiary and, this was perceived as the main mischief, under certain insurance schemes (inheritance trusts, PETA plans, discounted gift schemes) where the taxpayer retains a right to benefits in his lifetime.

As is often the case with anti-avoidance measures, there may still be loopholes and they may catch commercial arrangements in a way never intended.

It is not necessary (nor was it under estate duty) for the donor's spouse and children to

be excluded from benefit. So gifts within the donor's nil rate band (now £71,000) into discretionary trusts or insurance schemes may still be viable as long as the donor is not a beneficiary (and beware reciprocal arrangements by spouses).

Furthermore, as under estate duty, a statutory exception is introduced for a donor who occupies land or continues in possession of a chattel for full consideration in money or money's worth. In other words, if you give your house to your children and continue to live in it you will have to pay a market rent if you want to be sure of avoiding inheritance tax.

Nevertheless, the concept introduces a degree of uncertainty and complexity into the tax system which is excessive as a reaction, principally, to the heavily marketed insurance devices. One might pause here to remark on whether it is really fair for the Chancellor to regard such devices, and discretionary trusts with the settlor as a beneficiary, as pernicious.

Certain gifts are excepted

The impact of inheritance tax on the small estates remains vicious. Tax on an estate of £317,000 is £110, an effective rate of 29 per cent. Such an estate is not vast wealth for someone who has a house in the south-east and has retired with a pension lump sum and some good investments. And remember, this "low" rate is levied on property that has been accumulated after paying income tax and capital gains tax.

By contrast, the Chancellor has given the enormously wealthy the opportunity to give away unlimited sums subject to seven-year survival tax-free. Certain gifts are excepted from the rule. For example, transfers between spouses and gifts to charities and (naturally) political parties. No special exception is provided for pensions benefits and there may be an unexpected problem here.

A fundamental but difficult distinction is whether what is given is the whole asset with a benefit reserved out of it for the donor, or whether only part of the asset is given and the rest retained. The concept applies in the first case but not

the second. The fineness of the line is indicated by the fact that the six or so leading cases under estate duty were decided at the highest level.

Where an employer establishes a pension fund the benefits will be held on discretionary trusts from the outset. Provided a lump sum benefit on death in service is not payable as of right to the employee's personal representatives, and he has not irrevocably nominated during his lifetime who should have it, the sum will not fall into his estate for tax purposes.

Where the scheme is non-contributory, no question of gift with reservation can arise. If it is, the mere possibility that the lump sum should be paid, at the trustees' discretion to his estate, would not be a benefit reserved by him (he will be dead, by definition). But what if he survives to take the pension and lump sum commutation rights?

His contributions would normally be exempt gifts under the "normal expenditure out of income" exemption but it is not a gift with reservation? The same fund is growing to provide either the death in service benefits or the retirement benefits, depending on whether or not the employee survives beyond retirement. He cannot be said to keep the retirement benefits but only give away the death in service benefits.

The logic of this analysis may be difficult to swallow when it comes to a huge fund run by a big company with many members. But it is easier to see its force in relation to a one-man arrangement, now so justifiably popular as an alternative top-up to additional voluntary contributions or as a parallel fund for greater portability.

The self-employed, and employees in non-pensionable employment, who make retirement annuity contributions have been advised, quite properly, to settle the death benefits under the policy on discretionary or flexible power of appointment trusts for spouse, children and dependants. The form of trust wording correctly reserves to the settlor the retirement benefits — the pension cannot be assignable if the policy is to be approved and the lump sum is in partial commutation of that pension.

Is this not a gift with reservation? Again we are looking at a single policy that may provide different benefits for different persons depending merely on whether or not the contributor takes his benefits before death.

The separate policy (under section 226A rather than 226) that provides death benefits seems clearly outside the rule.

The practice of the Revenue under estate duty was not to claim duty under the corresponding statutory provision dealing with gifts subject to reservation on any benefit payable under approved occupational pension schemes or retirement annuity contracts. Even if this is confirmed for inheritance tax it is too important a matter to be left in practice.

Best of the buyers' market

MORTGAGES

The cut in mortgage rate — down from 12 to 11 per cent, coupled with a flood of new entrants to the home loan field in recent weeks and a multiplicity of new offers, ranging from a discount of half a per cent in the basic mortgage rate from Midland Bank, to help with moving house from Legal & General — has produced a bewildering array of mortgage offers for the would-be house buyer.

Is an endowment loan with the Midland better value than a repayment loan with the building society? Would £50 towards the legal fees bill be a better bet than a "chain-breaking facility"? Such questions are puzzling those about to buy or move.

This week Lloyds Bank complicates things still further by coming into the market with a fixed rate home loan at 9.9 per cent. You have to be prepared to stick with the

'Not really aiming at first-time buyers'

mortgage for a minimum of three years as there is an early redemption penalty of two months' interest if you repay the loan within the first three years. This would, for example, work out at a hefty £247.50 on a £30,000 loan.

"With the high minimum loan of £30,000 and the early redemption penalty, we are not really aiming at first-time buyers," commented Teri Harman of Lloyds Bank.

The arrangement has the merit of letting you budget effectively — you know absolutely going to be during the next three years. But what you are really doing is taking a gamble on the way interest rates will go.

And you could, of course,

find yourself paying 9.9 per cent two years down the line when everyone else is paying 9 per cent on an ordinary variable rate loan.

Conversely, if interest rates rise you will be laughing all the way to the bank. "We are allocating an initial £200 million to this new scheme and I am sure it will be welcomed by house buyers as a significant addition to the range of options for buying property and for the opportunity of budgeting with certainty for the first three years," said John Dawson, director of Lloyds' retail banking.

However, the experts believe interest rates will be down below 10 per cent by the end of the year, and if they were to fall still further in the remaining two years, this Lloyds Bank offer might not look so attractive.

But the experts are by no means unanimous and some say base rates could start to rise slightly next year as a general election looms. The National Westminster Bank, on the other hand, is talking about an average bank base rate of 9.4 per cent over the three-year period starting January 1986. Home loan rates are usually 1 per cent to 1.5 per cent above bank base rates.

Although at the moment fierce competition for the business is keeping the differential lower. On this scenario the Lloyds Bank fixed rate mortgage sounds attractive — but it is a bit of a gamble. Undoubtedly the most attractive loan offer at the moment is Midland Bank's package which gives home buyers a discount of 0.5 per cent on the normal mortgage rate of 11 per cent for the first year. First-time buyers get £50 towards their legal costs, and for anyone switching to the Midland from another lender (possibly one that is still changing over the odds) the



legal fees associated with the switch will be borne by Midland.

As the table shows, if you go for the Midland's straight repayment loan, monthly net payments for every £1,000 borrowed over 25 years work out at £6.86 — some 82p per £1,000 per month cheaper than a building society repayment loan at 11 per cent.

On a £30,000 loan you will be paying £24.60 a month more than you need to by staying with the building society — even one which is offering loans at the basic rate of 11 per cent. The larger the loan, the greater the saving, and if you are paying a premium for your money as well, say an extra 1 per cent, this Midland offer is one you cannot afford to ignore. The offer ends on May 31, so don't delay.

The perennial argument about whether the endowment method is better than repayment has now swung in favour of the endowment method. The difference in the after-tax relief cost of a building society

repayment loan and an endowment-linked mortgage is now only a few pence. Yet the cash benefit at the end of the term could be substantial.

For example, a 35-year-old taking out a £30,000 loan over 25 years will be paying £230.40 a month for a repayment loan — or £234 a month

'Agony aunt' to solve all your problems

for the endowment-linked method. After he has paid his mortgage protection premium of around £7 a month for the repayment loan, this definitely works out the more expensive method. The endowment-linked borrower will not only have his loan repaid at the end of the term but there will be an estimated cash surplus of £36,930 on, say, a Standard Life policy.

Of the other home loan packages available, nothing really begins to compare with the Midland offer. Legal & General has put together a

scheme that looks largely gimmicky. According to L & G one single telephone call to an "agony aunt" will solve your house-moving problems. Homemove L & G offers advice on mortgages (no doubt linked to an L & G policy which is not the best value), insurance, estate agents, legal services and a "chain-breaking" facility.

Most people except the idle would probably prefer to deal with these matters themselves. As a last-ditch measure, the chain-breaking facility might be useful. L & G says that if you are part of a chain and are unable to exchange contracts on the property you are selling, Homemove will buy the property from you — but at a discount to the market valuation. You have to use a Homemove estate agent to be eligible. Properties over £70,000 will not be considered in this context. The fee is £150.

Lorna Bourke

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NET MONTHLY PAYMENTS PER £1,000 OVER 25 YEARS	
B soc repaymt loan 11%	£7.68
B soc endmt loan 11%	£6.50 (interest) £1.30 (end prem)
Midland repaymt loan 10.5%	£7.86
Midland endmt loan 10.5%	£5.14 (interest) £1.30 (end prem)
Lloyds fixed rate endmt loan 9.9%	£5.85 (interest) £1.30 (end prem)
	£7.15

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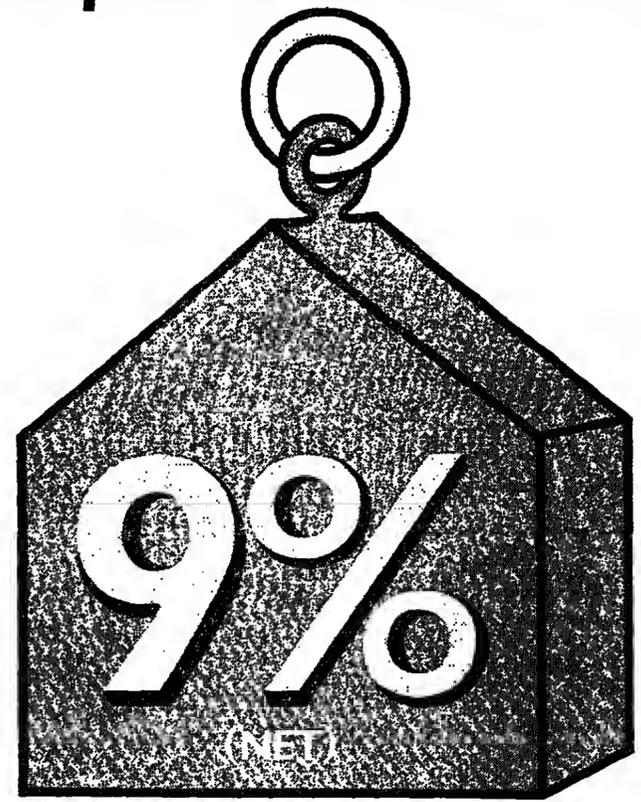
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Homework is the answer for right choice

MORTGAGES

Homebuyers have rarely had it so good and the news this week of another 1 per cent off the mortgage rate will send many would-be borrowers back to the calculator to work out how much they can afford.

But deciding on the best value-for-money mortgage for a particular pocket is becoming quite an art and it is essential not to accept the first suggestion but to compare the pros and cons of repayment, endowment and, if you are self-employed, pension mortgages. Thousands of pounds are at stake.

Gone are the days when the repayment or term mortgage was the obvious choice for hard-up first-time buyers, thanks in part to the arrival of MIRAS. Now that the building societies and other lenders do not charge higher interest for an endowment mortgage, this type looks as attractive as the straight repayment loan.

Although in many instances the repayment mortgage works out a little cheaper — this can be crucial for the first-time buyer smashing every piggy bank to own his own home — for only a little extra a month the endowment mortgage offers an acceptable lump sum at the end of the repayment period.

For example, the Norwich Union, in extolling the wonders of the endowment version, gives a convincing illustration. A man aged 34 on 29 per cent tax rates, taking out a repayment mortgage of £30,000, pays £237.41 a month (assuming the current 11 per cent mortgage interest rate) after tax relief at the basic rate. At the end of the repayment period he receives nothing extra. But if he took out an

endowment mortgage with the Norwich Union he would collect a lump sum of £21,047 — and for only an extra £2.76 a month.

This comparison favours endowment mortgages; repayment mortgages often are as much as £15 a month less (see table). The benefit of an endowment, as opposed to a repayment, mortgage becomes even more obvious for the higher rate taxpayer.

For example, according to the Norwich Union again, a 40 per cent tax payer, 34, taking out an endowment mortgage would pay £204.40 a month after tax relief on an endowment scheme for the same £21,047 surplus. He would pay an extra £2 a month on a repayment mortgage without getting a pay-out at the end. Given the need to check these differences, and the heightening competition between different building societies and between societies and banks, Trefalgar House Group's Ideal Homes mortgage service for its customers could not be more timely.

Now you can call at any Ideal Homes development site around Britain — the group sells 4,000 homes a year — and get a complete run-down of everything to do with mortgages in a matter of minutes, including which is better value for you — repayment or endowment.

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'And they lived as happily as their mortgage would allow'

Having had first-hand experience of the Ideal Homes computer, I would recommend people planning to buy a house or flat to visit their nearest Ideal Homes site purely to check the costs and what different building societies and banks are offering now.

For example, on a joint salary worth £22,000 a year the Abbey National will lend £50,000. On a property worth £50,000, only the Abbey out of the computer list offers a 100 per cent mortgage. Barclays Bank and the Bristol & West come bottom, offering only £45,000, that is, 95 per cent of the property value.

As our table shows, the Ideal Homes service gives a comparison between repayment and endowment. The Alliance & Leicester offers an endowment mortgage costing nearly £22 a month more than its repayment version. But for that the home buyer receives a £23,200 bonus at the end.

Not surprisingly, Ideal Homes does not cover pension mortgages as they are too specialized. But pension mortgages are a must for the self-employed or anyone without a company pension scheme.

The pension mortgage has been around for several years

Net monthly cost of £45,000 home loan over 24 years at 11% for a borrower aged 35

	Repayment	Endowment	Basic rate	Pension	60% taxpayer
Net mort pymnt	374.90				
Mort prot policy	10.68				
Total	385.58				
End of term	nil				
Net int.		332.75	332.75	247.50	247.50
Endow prem		70.48		57.98	55.20
Total		403.23	430.70	305.48	302.70
End of term cash residue after loan pymnt (incl terminal bonus)		23,000			11,246
					17,308pa

* First 16 years average total net cost including mortgage protection policy is £376.22 a month rising to £402.26 in years 16 to 25
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New company rules

The new rules concerning disqualification and personal liability of directors come into force on Monday. One of the targets is the fly-by-night company director who allows his company to go merrily into liquidation and then sets up a new company, with a similar name and identical trade immediately afterwards.

The rules do not go as far as had originally been planned, in that disqualification of a director will not be automatic but will require a court application and order.

The grounds for disqualification and other useful information aimed at informing directors of the new law are set out clearly in a new leaflet produced by the Department of Trade and Industry. This, and a more comprehensive guide to the law, called Guide to the Insolvency Act, can be obtained from Insolvency Services, 2-14 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8LL (01-608 4071).

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Farmers' guide

To survive the 1980s the farmer must pay as much attention to the business aspect of farming as he does to such things as yields, pests and the weather, says Barry Gamble in his book, The Farming Business. The book is described as being the bridge between the farmer and his financial advisers and accountants. It covers topics such as the organization of the industry, elementary farming systems, business structures, including tenancies, financial management and control, and audit and taxation. The book is published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants, 399 Silbury Boulevard, Witan Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2HL.

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Shades of trust

There are 87,000 people walking around somewhere with holdings in the 17 "blacklisted" bottom performing income unit trusts, says Peter Edwards of Premier Unit Trust Brokers. "That's £300 million of investments going to waste."

He has once again compiled his "white list", "grey list" and "black list" of the top, mediocre and bottom performing income unit trusts. "Many fund managers continue to muddle along year after year, with a constant poor record of dividend growth in particular. Their shareholders really are long suffering — or in the dark," he says.

We include the white list — the best performers in our table — but the black list shows that no less than a quarter of income fund managers under-performed inflation over three years, and half failed to beat the share market generally. Among the worst performers, dividends were raised by only 16 per cent in three years, compared with 70, 80 and 90 per cent for those at the top of the charts.

What Mr Edwards is looking for when he compiles his white list is a proven record over three years of increasing net dividends at least in line with inflation. Capital must also increase at least in line with the All Share index. During the latest three-year period inflation has run at 16 per cent and the All Share index is up no less than 16 per cent.

The black list members have met neither of these criteria. Among those trusts that get a raspberry from Mr Edwards are Guinness Mahon High Income, Backmaster Income, Wardley Income, Baltic High Income, St Vincent High Income, Tyndall High Yield, Mayflower Income, Quadrant Income, Henderson High Income, Tyndall Smaller Companies Dividend, Target Extra Income Britannia Extra Income, Baltic Income & Growth, Canlife Income, S & P Income, Gartmore High Income and Henderson Smaller Companies Dividend.

If you are a holder of any of these trusts then you would do well to give your investments a thorough review.

Source: Premier Unit Trust Brokers

Table with columns: Div grth 3yrs to Jan 1 1986, Cap grth 3yrs to Apr 1 1986, Div yld Apr 1 1986. Lists various investment trusts and their performance metrics.

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A star rises in the East — again

UNIT TRUSTS

The most recent stars of the unit trust performance tables are the Japanese — after a fairly miserable 1985.

and that, in reality, three months is precious little time to judge performance. Remember too that the commodity unit trusts were high fliers in the first statistics released for 1986.

Companies funds were well in front of the Japanese competition last year and highly placed among all unit trusts.

will become to seek out the sort of stocks we want. But the window of opportunity in smaller companies is still there," says Mr Kingsett.

JAPANESE UNIT TRUSTS

Table with columns: Results of £100 investment held over 3 mths, 1 yr, 3 yrs. Lists various Japanese unit trusts and their performance metrics.

That said, it is good to see the Japanese back where they were two years ago, at the top of the performance tables.

Several factors have stimulated Japanese unit trusts in recent months. Lower interest rates and a strong yen have undoubtedly boosted performance figures, as indeed have lower oil prices.

The Schroder Japanese Smaller Companies unit trust has risen by 85 per cent since the end of June last year.

"We have tended to specialise in small undervalued domestic," says Jan Kingsett, the manager of the trust.

"A lot of the new ideas that our analysts are now coming up with are in the high technology and electronics

areas," says Mr Kingsett. "But it is very much a stock fund, picking the right stocks without agonizing about the resulting sector consequences."

Obviously the success of the fund means that some of the "undiscovered" have now been well and truly discovered and the criteria for selecting them are in some respects no longer valid.

The pattern may not be repeated

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Geographic approach to stock selection

Paul Graves. "The trust is tiny in size, about £7 million in all," he says.

"We avoided the traditional foreigners' approach, the blue chip electronics, for instance, and went for those we saw as the greatest beneficiaries of the domestic stimulation."

Mr Graves says he has adopted almost a geographic approach to stock selection and has invested heavily in railways and large land development projects.

The trust retains its heavy emphasis on domestics, although Mr Graves says he is not going to hang his hat purely on the domestics peg.

There are spectacular opportunities in the high-tech companies," he says.

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Could the Japanese be back this year?

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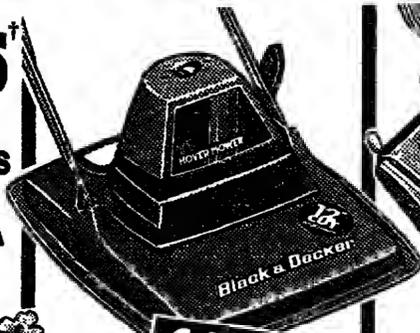
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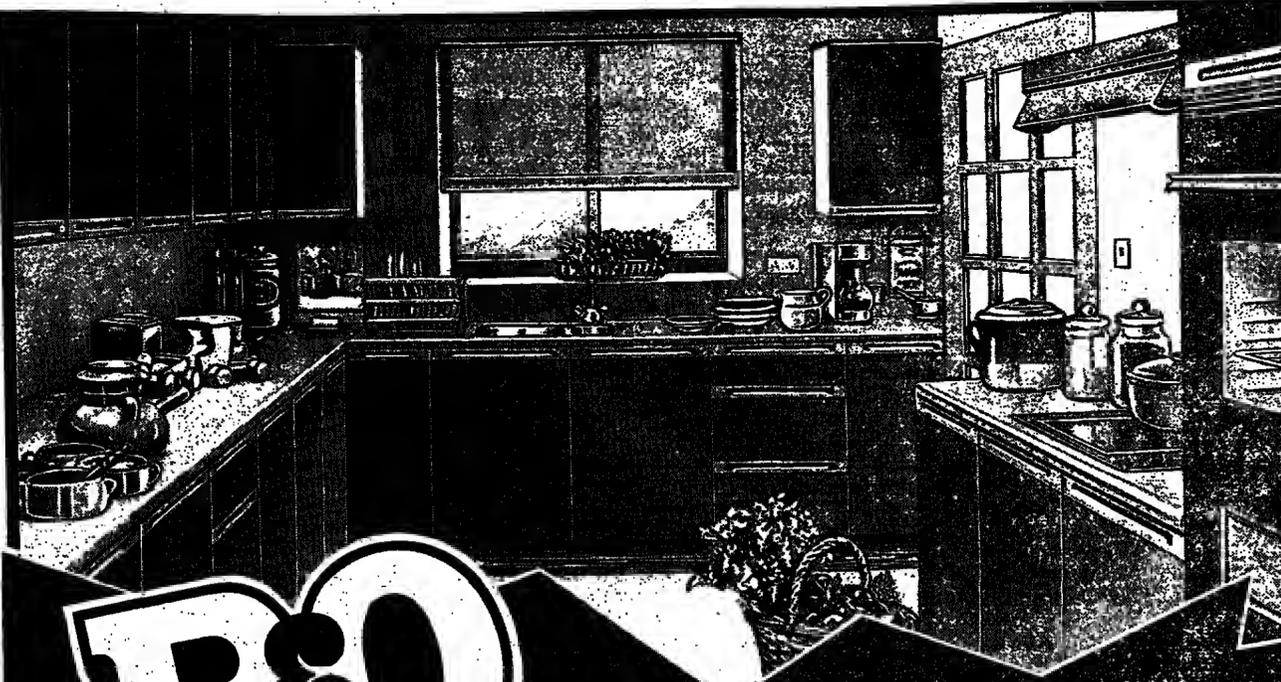
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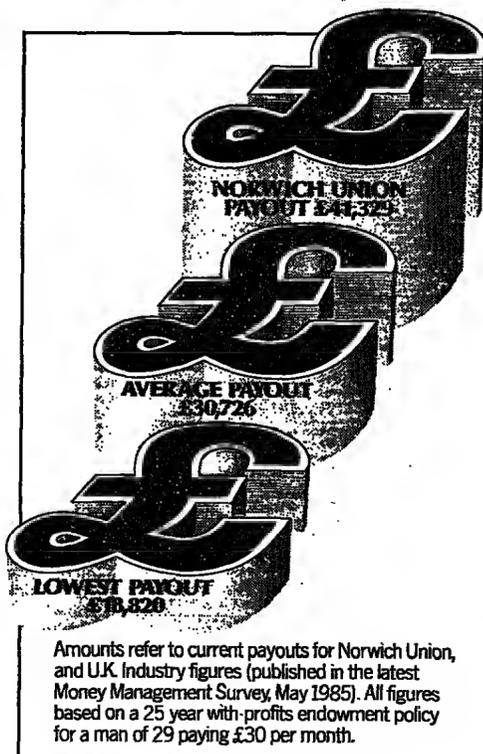
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INVESTMENT

UK shares have risen by about 40 per cent in the past year and stock markets around the world are well up too. All good news for unit-trust investors, most of whom will be sitting on very healthy profits.

But it presents a dilemma for people with fresh capital to invest. If they put the new money into unit trusts, will they be buying at the top of the market? Is there likely to be a setback which will provide a cheaper buying opportunity or will the stock market carry on relentlessly upwards?

I asked three unit-trust investment advisers what funds they would recommend to someone who wanted to put £10,000 into unit trusts right now. Bearing in mind the kind of doubts investors have about the continuance of the stock market's boom, what would they recommend as a safety first portfolio?

Peter Hargreaves of Hargreaves Lansdown probably speaks for a lot of managers when he says: "I would clearly love to see a 200-point shake-up, which would provide a clear buying opportunity. I think there is inevitably going to be a setback in the UK stock market some time. And the old adage sell in May and go away really does seem to have an effect on people."

Mr Hargreaves points out, however, that the UK is the only industrialized nation that has maintained the balance of payments surplus for the last six years. So despite the current high level of the UK stock market he has no qualms about committing 40 per cent of the money here.

He would put £2,500 into the new Standard Life Equity Growth fund, to be launched at the end of the month. He says: "Basically Standard Life has a good investment record and managers try harder with a new fund. With a flow of new money it could also take advantage of any temporary market setback."



Hargreaves of Hargreaves Lansdown: Wants a shake-up

PETER HARGREAVES

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Baring First Japan	£1,500
Abbey American Growth	£2,500
Target European Special Situations	£2,000
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Savage of Hoare Govett: Optimism about UK

GLYNNNE CLAY

Holborn Special Situations	£2,000
Mercury Japan	£3,000
M & G American & Gen. £1,750	
S & P European Inc. & Growth	£2,000
Perpetual International Growth	£1,250
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Savage of Hoare Govett: Optimism about UK

JOHN SAVAGE

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Baring First Europe	£1,000
Target American Eagle	£1,000
Total	£10,000

WHERE THE CITY EXPERTS WOULD PLACE THE FUNDS

should benefit from the massive reduction in oil prices. However, John Savage of Hoare Govett's Unit Trust Advisory Service would put 60 per cent of the portfolio into the UK. He says: "I just feel that it's silly to expose a UK investor to too much currency risk. Lots of people have been saying the market cannot keep going up and they have been saying it for three or four years and look what's happened. The factors that have put shares higher, things like lower inflation and greater efficiency are still with us. That's why I'm optimistic."

Like the other two, he picks Holborn Special Situations — £2,000 would go there. He says: "I feel that the Pru is going to make this fund work."

Another £2,000 would go into Prolific's Special Situation fund. Like the other investment advisers, Mr Savage thinks that at this stage of the market there is less to gain in the standard blue-chip funds. Two thousand pounds would go into Fidelity's Growth and Income fund. "That's a safety first fund really," he explains. "The yield is 4 per cent and the income shares should do well, even if my judgement on the UK market proves wrong."

Half the money committed overseas would go into Japan — through Garmore Japan fund. "This fund concentrates on the domestic sector in Japan rather than the export orientated companies," says Mr Savage. "I think this is right because a stronger yen will hit Japanese exports." He would put £1,000 into Baring First Europe and the remaining £1,000 into Target American Eagle fund because its 40 per cent hedged against the dollar.

He concludes: "I think that despite the rises we have seen, worthwhile gains can still be had in all the world's equity markets."

Mr Clay would put another £2,000 into Europe. He says: "The European stock markets have risen sharply and there are signs of overheating. I have picked the Save & Prosper Europe Come & Growth fund, which has a 5 per cent yield. It's a new fund which is often an advantage in performance terms. And it has a high yield because it invests in fixed interest as well as equities so it's not quite so exposed."

Finally, £1,250 would go into the Perpetual International Growth fund because of its excellent record. Mr Clay's choice is weighted overseas largely because it is those economies, particularly those of Europe and Japan, that

consistently good record. The US stock market poses something of a dilemma for investment managers. On the one hand they believe that US shares might perform very well. On the other they are nervous about further falls in the dollar. All the US funds picked by the three were chosen because they successfully hedged against the currency risk.

Mr Clay says: "You are not just buying the UK market plain and simple. A good special-situation fund should be able to find interesting investments in any kind of market. It should be a good bet if you are a bit uncertain about things."

Mr Clay would put the biggest single chunk of his portfolio — £3,000 — in the Mercury Japan fund. "A top analyst is joining that team," he says. Another £1,750 would go into M & G's American &

continuously from falling oil prices. Glynnne Clay at advisers Richards Longstaff is more cautious about the prospect for the UK market, saying: "I think we are bound to see some profit-taking. There are some big rights issues around to mop up liquidity as well as the British Gas flotation later this year."

A mere £2,000 of a £10,000 portfolio would go in a UK fund and like Peter Hargreaves he chose Holborn Special Situations. Indeed the fund was picked by all three of the investment luminaries I consulted.

Mr Hargreaves says: "The weak dollar is good for US industry. I would put another £2,000 in Abbey American Growth Fund. You have to be careful about the currency risk. This fund seems to have got its hedging right and I think the American stock market is cheap."

And he would commit £1,500 to European stock markets through the Target European Special Situation fund. "We have seen some spectacular rises in European shares but the major industrial companies are going to benefit

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Tenants who buy from the council find bills can take the pleasure out of home ownership

Flat family face £20,000 repairs

PROPERTY

For an increasing number of council house tenants who bought their rented flats at substantial discounts, the joys of home ownership have turned into a financial nightmare.

On the Churchill Gardens Estate in south-west London, Renny Hudson and the other lessees who have bought their council flats enjoy a good relationship with their landlord, Westminster City Council. But they have now been told to expect bills to the region of £13,000 each for major work that is needed to the properties.

Mr Hudson said: "The 'right to buy' legislation enabled people like me to buy property and have the security of ownership. I bought to enjoy a contented retirement which is now shattered."

The 1980 Act as amended, does provide that where a

tenant buys his flat, he cannot be charged for any work in rectifying structural defects found within 10 years of his purchase, unless he was told of them at the time he bought, or unless the council did not find out about the defect until 10 years after the sale.

The difficulty is defining what is a "structural defect" for which lessees may not be liable, and what is a "structural repair" which may be their responsibility.

Test case now going to court

The London borough of Sutton is considering bringing what it believes is the first test case to court. A lessee who bought under the "right to buy" legislation is refusing to pay towards the cost of a new roof. She is alleging that the new roof is a structural defect and her lease makes her liable for repairs only. The council considers that the replaced roof is part of the tenants' obligation to repair.

Tenants who bought before

the 1980 Act came into force, cannot even take advantage of citing the 10-year structural defect rule as this part of the Act does not apply retrospectively.

Felicity Jessup bought her council flat prior to the Act. In 1973 she and her first husband had taken a tenancy, in Westbourne Gardens, west London, of a newly converted top-floor council flat which had a completely new roof. Six months after they moved in, Mrs Jessup says the original developer and an architect carried out an inspection of the property and she was told that the flat had a 30-year period before any major works would need to be done.

They decided in 1978 to buy the flat from Westminster City Council. They did not have a private survey but the council itself gave them a mortgage.

Throughout the time of their ownership they have had problems with the condition of the flat, particularly the roof. They have constantly been concerned with the delays on the council's part in doing repairs and with the standard of workmanship when the work was eventually done.

Mr Jessup said: "For the last six weeks we have had scaffolding at the property, for which we have to pay, which apparently is to stop pieces of stucco dropping on passers-by. The council has told us that the whole roof will have to be taken off and replaced. The dry rot is so bad that I understand that some of the external walls actually have to be taken down. We have been told that as a rough guide our share of the cost, which is 36 per cent of the total for the property, could be between £20,000 and £40,000."

"The difference in the two figures is because the council would like us to move out of the property and the higher figure is incurred if we decide to stay and the builders have to work round us."

They feel that the council's alleged neglect and mismanagement over the years have

caused the predicament that they are now in. They are faced with having to sell their flat to pay the repair bills as they already have a substantial mortgage on the property and are unable to pay £20,000 or any similar figure. The sum of £40,000 is even more out of the question, yet they claim, that they are unable to move out as they will have to pay both the costs of rented accommodation and the outgoings on the flat.

When asked about the Jessups' allegations of mismanagement and neglect, a council spokesman said: "Doing all the repairs at once works out less expensively than doing patchwork repairs over the years."

As regards the cost of the work the council said: "The exact figures for the cost of the work are not available and the figures we have given are a rough estimate. It is always a good idea to have a full survey of your property before you

New legislation is on the way

buy. The council does have extended payments for financing available for its lessees. The Jessups do have redress to the court, if the court feels they have been mistreated it will find in their favour."

The Jessups are taking legal advice on the council's actions. Meanwhile, new legislation is on its way. The Housing and Planning Bill is going through Parliament and it is likely to become law in the summer. The Bill will place new limits on the charges payable by council flat buyers for repairs during the first five years after they have bought and it introduces a new right to a loan in respect of repair charges.

There may, therefore, be some limited help at hand for the future but council flat tenants should still beware if they do decide to join the nation of homeowners.

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No joy for the Jessups: The cost is just a nightmare.

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That is not entirely the fault of the banks which run the "The system still relies on bits of paper that travel around the country"

system through which all cheques being paid and received have to go in order to reach their correct destination. "The trouble with cheques is that there might be lots of technology to help the process along but the system still relies on bits of paper travelling around the country," says Mr Hoodwick.

Every day vans arrive at a car park in central London and sacks of cheques are exchanged by all the banks in the clearing system.

Certainly it would work a lot more slowly without any computerization. The Banking Information Service says the clearing system now handles more than four billion transactions a year, a large proportion of which are cheques. That makes a lot of bits of paper to process and distribute around the country, and the fact that it works at all is something of a miracle.

What happens to a cheque is fairly complicated. Suppose you pay in a cheque at a National Westminster branch to go to your deposit account at Barclays. On day one it goes from the NatWest branch into the clearing system. On day two it is cleared and passed over to Barclays. On day three it moves through the Barclays system to the relevant branch and lands in your account.

But if you are paying it into an account with, say, a building society which is outside the clearing system, it should take an extra day to extract the cheque from the system and pass it to your society. That extra day will disappear for those societies which choose to join the clearing system when legislation in 1987 allows them to participate.

So far so good. But then you have to allow for weekends. If you deposit a cheque on Friday afternoon it will not get into the clearing system until Monday, adding two extra days to the process. There may even be a bank holiday intervening as well and that will string things out for longer still.

So although the process in theory takes three days, most banks say you should expect to wait about seven before you can be sure the money has made it to your account. The process will be instantaneous only if you deposit the cheque at the clearing bank branch where you hold your account," says Barclays.

Likewise, transfers between two accounts with the same building society should be completed instantly.

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Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

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Law Report April 26 1986 House of Lords

Shipowners not liable for damage after risk passes

Leigh and Sullivan Ltd v Alkham Shipping Co Ltd

Before Lord Keith of Kinkaid, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Brightman, Lord Griffiths and Lord Ackner

Buyers of goods damaged in carriage could not sue the shipowners in negligence for damage done to the goods at a time when the risk in the goods had not then the legal property in them, had passed to the buyers.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Leigh and Sullivan Ltd, from the decision of the Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Oliver and Lord Justice Goff) on December 7, 1984 (The Times December 8, 1984) [1985] QB 350 to allow an appeal by Alkham Shipping Co Ltd, from the order of Mr Justice Staughton on July 30, 1982 (1983) 1 Lloyd's Rep 203 giving judgment for the buyers for £83,006.

Mr Anthony Clarke, QC and Mr Nigel Teare, for the plaintiffs; Mr Nicholas Phillips, QC, and Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC, for the shipowners.

LORD BRANDON said that the appeal arose in an action in which the e and f buyers of goods claimed damages against the owners of the ship in which the goods had been carried for damage done to such goods at a time when the risk, but not yet the legal property in them, had passed to the buyers.

The main question was whether, in those circumstances, the shipowners owed a duty of care in tort to the buyers in respect of the carriage of such goods and, if so, whether and to what extent such duty was qualified by the terms of the bill of lading under which the goods were carried.

There was a long line of authority for a principle of law that, in order to enable a person to claim in negligence for loss caused to him by reason of loss of or damage to property, he must have had either the ownership of or a possessory title to the property at the time when the loss or damage occurred, and it was not enough for him to have only had contractual rights in relation to such property, which had been adversely affected.

The question whether e i f or e and f buyers of goods could

recover from shipowners loss suffered by reason of want of care in their carriage at a time when the risk, but not yet the legal property, in the goods had passed to such buyers came up for decision in *Margarine Union GmbH v Cambay Prince Steamship Co Ltd (The Wear Breeze)* (1969) 1 QB 219. It was held that the buyers were not entitled to recover in negligence.

The buyers in the present case contended that *The Wear Breeze* should be overruled, relying on five main grounds.

1 The characteristics of a e i f or e and f contract for sale differed materially from those of the contracts in the other cases in the "non-recovery" line of authority.

2 Under a c i f or e and f contract the buyer acquired on shipment of the goods the equitable ownership of them, so that they could sue the shipowners for negligence without joining the sellers.

3 The law of negligence had developed significantly since *The Wear Breeze* had been decided.

4 Any rational system of law ought to provide a remedy for persons who suffered the kind of loss suffered by the buyers in the present case.

English law, however, did, in all normal cases, provide a fair and adequate remedy for loss of or damage to property. The subject matter of a e i f or e and f contract, and the buyers in the present case could easily, if properly advised at a time when they had agreed to vary the original c and f contract, have secured to themselves the benefit of such a remedy.

The variation had produced a hybrid contract of an extremely unusual character.

5 The principle of transferred loss, based on the judgment of Lord Justice Robert Goff below (1985) QB 350.

But his Lordship said that that principle, however useful it might be in theory in dealing with special factual situations, was not only not supported by authority, but was, in the contrary, inconsistent with it.

Even if it were necessary to introduce such a principle to fill a genuine lacuna in the law, his Lordship should be reluctant to do so. There was, however, in truth no such lacuna.

Having examined and rejected all five grounds for overruling *The Wear Breeze*, his Lordship's conclusion was that it was good law.

Lord Keith, Lord Brightman, Lord Griffiths and Lord Ackner agreed.

Solicitors: Anthony King & Co. Billericay; Holman, Fenwick & Willan.

Deciding value of damage

Regina v Salisbury Justices, Ex parte Mastin

Before Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Schiemann [Judgment given April 17]

Where a prosecuting authority which sought to prefer a charge of criminal damage against a defendant was in difficulties in establishing the value of the particular property alleged to have been damaged, it was entitled to say that it could prove the minimum amount of damage.

Accordingly, justices were entitled to accept representations made to them that the value involved for the offence charged did not exceed £400 and proceed to summary trial unless some other material was put before them which gave them real doubts as to the accuracy of those representations.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court held when it dismissed the application of Peter Mastin for, *inter alia*, an order of certiorari to quash the decision of Salisbury Justices on September 13, 1985, when they denied the applicant the right to be put his election, and a declaration that the value of the property alleged to be damaged exceeded £400 or it was not clear for the offence charged whether it did or did not exceed £400.

Mr James Wood for the applicant; Mr Nigel Pascoe for the prosecuting authority.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that damage had been caused to a crop of beans in a field when the drivers of vehicles, who had been prevented from getting to Stonehenge by a police roadblock, drove into the field.

Effectively, the crop, which was valued at £5,000, was ruined, and the applicant, with about 30 others, was initially charged with unlawful assembly.

Subsequently, those charges were dropped and charges of criminal damage were brought but the value of the damage done to the crop was stated to be unknown in respect of each defendant.

The effect of section 2(2)(3) and (4) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 was that if it was clear to the court that the value of the alleged damage did not exceed £400, the court was to proceed to summary trial, and if it exceeded £400, the defendant had to be given his election; and that if the value was not clear then the defendant had also to be given his election.

Before the justices, the prosecution had represented, *inter alia*, that the basis for assessing the value of damage was by measuring the distance between the stationary vehicles on the field and the point at which they had entered the field so that the minimum distance could be proved, and the dam-

age to the crops was thus calculated at between £16 and £117 in respect of each vehicle, and accordingly the damage caused by any individual defendant did not exceed £400.

His Lordship rejected the applicant's submission that what was in issue in the case was a joint enterprise which could be inferred from the evidence that all the defendants were together.

On the further submission that the prosecution had made an artificial calculation and the justices should not assume in relation to any one defendant that he had followed the shortest route into the field, his Lordship said that the matter had not been represented to the justices and that the prosecution were entitled to say that it was wrong for them to seek to prove any more than they could prove with clarity.

Mr Justice Schiemann agreed.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co. Collyer-Bristow for Mr R. A. Prickeit, Chipchampan.

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Saturday

Weekend television and radio programmes Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1
6.45 Open University, Until 8.25.
8.30 The Saturday Picture Show. The first of a new series presented by Mark Curry and Cheryl Baker...

TV-AM
6.55 Good Morning Britain introduced by Mike Morris at 7.00; regional report at 7.05; sport at 7.15.
7.15 The Wide Awake Club includes guests, pop group, Fine Young Cannibals, a quiz, Temple and animal expert, Jimmy McKay News is at 8.25.



The Princess of Wales inspects the troops in Berlin in the final instalment of the German TV series Royalty (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

BBC 2
6.50 Open University, Until 1.55.
1.55 Film: How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying (1967) starring Robert Morse, Michele Lee and Rudy Vallee...

CHANNEL 4
1.45 Channel Four Racing from Sandown. The Sandown Park 2-year Maiden Stakes (2.00); the Guardian Classic Trial (2.30); the Whitbread Gold Cup...

BBC 1
6.45 Open University, Until 8.25.
8.55 Play School, 8.15 Knock Knock. A selection of stories and songs about stories and friendships. (r) 9.30 This is the Day. A service of prayer and fellowship from an Iona Community home in Birmingham...

TV-AM
6.55 Good Morning Britain continues with A Thought for Sunday 7.00 Are You Awake Yet, 7.25 Cartoon, 7.50 The What's News Quiz, 8.10 Jam Barnett's Pick of the Week, 8.27 News headlines, 8.30 Jonathan Dimbleby on Sunday.



Janet Suzman (as Edwina) and Nicol Williamson who plays the title role in Lord Mountbatten: The Last Viceroys (ITV, 7.45pm)

BBC 2
6.50 Open University, Until 1.55.
1.55 Sunday Grandstand, introduced by Steve Rider. Motor Racing: The San Marino Grand Prix, Joe Hooker: the Henken League Championship...

CHANNEL 4
1.05 Irish Angle - Hands. The art of lace-making. 1.35 The Making of Britain. Dr Kevin Sharpe assesses the reign of Charles I. 2.00 The Pocket Money Programme. Financial advice for the young, from the young...

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Radio 4
On long wave VHF variations at end of Radio 4
5.55 An Shipping Forecast, 6.00 News Briefing, 6.10 Prelude Music selected by Michael Ford & 6.30 News Farming, 6.50 Prayer (r), 6.55 Weather Travel

5.00 The Living World Magazine edition presented by Peter France
5.25 Week Ending. Satirical review of the week's news, 5.30 Shipping, 5.55 Weather, Travel
6.00 Fox's Sports round-up, 6.25 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson

Sass, soprano, Vaughan Williams (Serenade to Music, orchestral version) 9.00 News
9.05 Record Review: includes Michael Kennedy's guide to recordings of the Mahler Seventh
10.15 Stereo Release Scriabin (Symphony No 1) Soloists: Westmarina Chof/Polystyrene Toczyska and Myrta

Westbury with more of Carlo Rosen's theatrical transcendence
7.30 The Bassists: one-act opera by Hans Werner Henze, sung in English BBC SO/BBC Chorus, and 7.40 Prelude Music selected by Michael Ford (r) 6.30 News; Morning has broken (hymns), 6.55 Weather
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Radio 2
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Radio 3
6.55 Weather 7.00 News
7.05 Aubade Nicolai (Merry Wives of Windsor) overture, Purcell Masque of the Fair Seasons, from The Fairy Queen, with EDO/Ambrosian Opera Chorus and soloists, Chopin Bolero, Op 19
Ashkenazy, piano, Berlioz (Absence, Les nuits d'été, Fra Diavolo) Rameau (Dardanus) Orchestral Music from Act 2 and 3; Havel (La veuve Argente) and Freres-piano), Mozart (aria Ah, le previdi, Te Kanawa), Prokofiev (Act 3 and 4 scenes from Romeo and Juliet), Rimsky-Korsakov (Snow Maiden suite), Liszt (Die Lorelei)

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Cup holders aim for third successive win

Bath should tame inspired Wasps

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

In 1981 Peter Wheeler, then the captain of Leicester, showed his team the newspaper which confidently predicted his club's demise in the cup final against Gosport...

Bath are overwhelming favourites to win their third successive final. They have the form, the experience and the motivation. Wasps were not unduly impressive in their last two rounds against Nottingham and London Scottish...

Arnold played 10 seasons for Canterbury and spent two years coaching them. He will return to Christchurch on Monday week after six months with Wasps which have him regretting how much there remains to do at Sudbury...

These are two teams who have the ability to play outstanding rugby if they are able to set caution aside. But Bath have a distinct advantage at half back and conceivably back row. Hall has returned from injury with an increased appetite and will be able to match Rose at the back of the lineout while the sheer physique of Simpson and Spurrell will give them an edge over the lighter men, Pegler and Rigby...

Ring holds the key for Cardiff

By Gerald Davies

Anyone assessing the relative merits of Cardiff and Newport, who play in the Schweppe Welsh Cup final at the National Stadium, Cardiff, this afternoon, will find that the teams are as strong as each other on the limited platforms which they have constructed for themselves this season...

compete with Golding and Roberts; Waters, though at No 8, will roam up and down to pursue the threat of Norster in the line-out. And in the front row the hookers, Watkins and Phillips, the captains of the two teams, might want to believe that there is a score or two that they have to settle. Their rivalry, so it would appear, has not always been of the healthy kind. It needs to be today...



Key role: Half's renewed appetite will test Wasps' Rose at the back of the lineout

CRICKET: SEASON GETS UNDER WAY IN FAMILIAR STYLE

Prichard shows his class

By Ivo Tennant

FENNERS: Match abandoned as a draw. It was as well for Cambridge that the weather forecast was accurate. Teetering on 25 for five in hopeless pursuit of 349 to win, they were spared by thunder and lashing rain soon after tea as much as by their opponents' need of batting practice...

Willingness goes unrewarded

By Alan Gibson

THE PARKS: Oxford University drew with Gloucestershire. Both captains showed a willingness to push for a finish, but in the end the weather proved too great an obstacle to a satisfactory conclusion. Oxford, 106 for three overnight, batted until lunch and declared on 179 for nine. Thorne, who made 72, saved the follow-on with his second successive five to give further evidence of his undoubted ability...

SNOOKER

Johnson finds his rhythm

By Sydney Friskin

Joe Johnson, of Bradford, who has found diversions from snooker by singing with a pop group called Made In Japan, made a clearance break of 110 at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday, on his way to an 11-3 lead over Mike Hallett in the second round of the Embassy world championship...

strange encounter in which neither player had complete control. The referee in charge of the second round match between Steve Davis and Doug Mountjoy appealed to a section of the crowd to refrain from comment while play was in progress. But nothing could stop Davis taking an 8-4 lead after starting the day at 4-4. In the second frame Mountjoy was leading 58-1 only for Davis to clear the table with a break of 67...

TENNIS

Weather beaten

From Richard Evans

Monte Carlo. The sliding roof, which has saved this rain-drenched Monte Carlo Open from being waterlogged over the last few days, suddenly slid back in the middle of Stefan Edberg's much interrupted match with Andrei Maurer yesterday and brought everything to a soggy halt...

Cliff Thorburn said after his 10-5 victory over Bill Werbeniuk on Thursday night that his concentration was in a bad state, but he bopped it would improve.



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Alex Higgins recovered after conceding 10 points from his first two strokes to take a 3-1 lead over Terry Griffiths, including several delicate shots. Cliff Thorburn said after his 10-5 victory over Bill Werbeniuk on Thursday night that his concentration was in a bad state, but he bopped it would improve.

GOLF

Garrido disqualified for half-inch 'theft'

From Mitchell Plans, Madrid

Antonio Garrido, the former European Ryder Cup golfer, was disqualified from the Copa Madrid Open here yesterday after being accused by Paul Way, the PGA champion, of breaking the rules by incorrectly marking his ball on the greens. Garrido, aged 42, who was born and bred in Madrid, left the course in tears with his wife, Alicia. He said: "I will never play golf again. I have played golf all over the world as a professional for 20 years and nobody has ever accused me of cheating. I don't mind shooting 90 or 100. I don't cheat."

David Davison, the county captain, who had hoped to include Davison in his side to play Glamorgan said: "We were hoping the Home Secretary would give 'Davo' a passport in recognition of his long years of service to English cricket."

Sussex will be without Imran Khan for their opening Britannia Assurance championship match of the season, against Lancashire at Hove today, in a game which provides the former Sussex open-

SPORT IN BRIEF

Back to the future

Philadelphia (Reuter) - Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan, proving his fitness in a return after injury and competing in what he called his event of the future, ran the fastest 10,000 metres in the world this year with a time of 28min 19.5sec at the Penn Relays athletics meeting. Coghlan, aged 33, said he would run the 5,000m in the European championships this summer, but added: "My long-term plan is 10,000m."

Boston barrier

Boston (UPI) - Plans to make the Boston Marathon the 1988 women's US Olympic marathon trials have been blocked by new Athletics Congress demands which include a ban on all top foreign runners.

Real setback

Britain's chances of defeating the United States to retain the Bathurst Real Tennis Cup were damaged when Alan Lovell withdrew (William Stephens writes). His replacement, Mick Dean, lost to Kevin McColm at Queen's Club yesterday, but Julian Snow beat Ralph Howe to level the rubbers for today's doubles.

New battle

The controversy involving Severiano Ballesteros and the ban imposed on him by Deane Bennan, the commissioner of the USPGA tour, has taken a new twist. They will play against each other in the Carrolls Irish Open from June 19 to 22.

England spur

Jakarta - England's women scored their first win of the world badminton team championships by taking a 3-0 lead against Canada in the Uber Cup (Richard Eaton writes). This means that their hopes of earning a medal have not disappeared. They will have to surprise South Korea tomorrow and Helen Troke will have to produce a more confident performance than when she beat Claire Backhouse 7-11, 11-5, 11-0.

Bribery bid

Serai (AP) - An official and a former player of the Greek first division football club, AEK of Athens, have been sentenced to one year in prison for attempted bribery. Giorgos Christovinos, the general director, and Giorgos Rigas were convicted of offering Panseraikos players money to throw a match.

Shastri's role

Bombay (AP) - The young cricket all-rounder, Ravi Shastri, will captain India in the absence of Kapil Dev for the tour of Holland beginning on Sunday.

Leading the way towards a light

One of the tragedies in South Africa is that the substantial advances in non-racial integration achieved by sport are now being impeded not by white but by black radical politicians. There are non-white elements who, provocatively, are looking for confrontation rather than peaceful consensus.

Mark Plastics, the national marathon champion, who, ironically, was prevented by the anti-apartheid movement from competing in the London marathon on Sunday, was to have opened the recent South African Games, but he had to be replaced because of threats to burn down his house by fellow blacks. Reprisals against non-whites, who are willing to collaborate in integrated sport, by their own people, are distressingly commonplace.

It was not true, for instance, that there was a total black boycott of the Games (indeed, though they were) hundreds of non-whites, from 12-year-old wrestlers to the first 10 men home in the 10,000 metres, participated. Two black-majority sports to withdraw were football, largely because of a recent split in the main professional league, and boxing.

The boxers wanted to take part but were threatened with reprisals. Yet boxing led the way to sporting integration with the first black v white

Boxing has been amalgamated

professional bout in 1973, between Bob Foster, of America and Pierre Fourie at the Rand Stadium, since when all professional boxing has been amalgamated under the Board of Control with single non-racial champions.

Those in Britain who, abhorrently, tried to persuade Frank Braxton, the only black supporting the racist government by fighting Gerrie Coetzee were unaware of the truth: that professional boxing in South Africa is more racially harmonious than you will find anywhere in Britain, as I witnessed at a promotion at Vanderbijlpark, the steel town near Johannesburg, with total integration of spectators, fighters, managers, trainers,

Federations in a dilemma

referees, and judges. Stanley Christodoulou, executive director of the Board of Control, is one of the world's top referees and handled the McQuigan-Pedroza contest. The South African sports federations are at this moment faced with a dilemma. Peter Madasa, of the Transkei, has invited the Republic to take part in the annual Homeland Games next month, staged by the tribal areas which are not internationally recognized and are seen by some as an arm of the apartheid system.

The Homeland Games include five sports, all of them integrated in the Republic: football, boxing, tennis, athletics and netball. Yet the sports federations know that they will be criticized whichever decision they take, rejecting or accepting the invitation. Liberal whites and black South African sports administrators believe that taking part would not be implicitly encouraging apartheid but extending valuable relationships.

South Africa is tortured by its history. John Barrie, a vice-president of the Federations, is a representative on the International Yacht Union. His grandfather helped to build the Hartbeespoort Dam where the Western Transvaal YC sailed. He is sincerely committed to integrated sport, yet his manner occasionally reveals traces of sub-conscious inhibitions which are part of human nature, which are there between Scots and English or between Canadians of opposing tongues as much as between blacks and white.

The inhumanity of some South African whites means that every white South African is now measured by a standard morality which whites all over the world would be hard-pressed to meet.

South Africa still has a huge distance to travel to achieve the most fundamental of equalities which condition all others, social, economic and cultural: equality of education. It is galling to see young black boxers in a community centre in a Johannesburg suburb enthusiastically shadow-boxing like a would-be Ali in worn-out leather shoes without even a lace because they cannot afford a pair of gym shoes.

Yet the gymnasiums are integrated. I believe that sport is leading the way in South Africa and that, insufficient as sport may be within the whole society.

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